

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Student v. Suffield Board of Education

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FINAL ORDER AND DECISION

ISSUES:

1. Is the student entitled to compensatory education for the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 school years?

SUMMARY and PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The student is a 19 years old young woman who has been identified with emotional disturbance requiring special education and related services and is entitled to receive a free and appropriate public education as defined in Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) 20 U.S.C. §1401 et seq. and Connecticut General Statute §10-76a. The student's parents requested that the Board provide the student with compensatory education for the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 school years. The Board rejected the Parents' request. On or about May 19, 2006 the Parents sent the Board a letter advising them that they were requesting a due process hearing. On or about May 24, 2006, the Board received notice of the Parents request for due process.

On or about May 22, 2006 an impartial special education officer was appointed to hear the matter. A pre-hearing conference was held on June 5, 2006 and the parties informed the hearing officer that they would be going to mediation and waived a resolution meeting. A hearing date of July 12, 2006 was chosen by the parties. This hearing date was later cancelled and a new hearing date of July 18, 2006 was chosen by the parties.

At the July 18, 2006 hearing date, the parties informed the hearing officer that matter had been resolved and that it was withdrawn without prejudice. The request for withdrawal of the due process without prejudice was granted.

The final decision and order date was extended by the parties in order to accommodate the mediation and the hearing date.

The date for the Final Decision and Order is September 7, 2006.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

THE MATTER IS WITHDRAWN WITHOUT PREJUDICE.