

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Connecticut Technical High School System Board of Education v. Student

Appearing on behalf of the Parents: Pro Se

Appearing on behalf of the Board: Attorney Christine L. Chinni
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Appearing before: Justino Rosado, Esq.
Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

Does the Connecticut Technical High School have to maintain the Student in its program, if the Student requires special education and related services which cannot be provided at the Technical High School and the Parent declines the services?

SUMMARY AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student has not been identified as entitled to receive a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) as defined in the Individuals With Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) 20 U.S.C. §1401 et seq. and Connecticut General Statute §10-76a et seq.

At a planning and placement team (PPT) meeting, the Parents refused to provide consent for special education and related services for the Student. The Parents requested that the Student remain in the Connecticut Technical High School System (CTHSS) even though the CTHSS PPT said they could not provide him with an appropriate program within the CTHSS. The Board refused the Parents' request and filed for a due process hearing. An impartial hearing officer was appointed on February 23, 2016 and a pre-hearing conference was held on February 26, 2016.

On March 31, 2016, the Board's attorney informed the hearing officer that they were able to resolve the matter and the Board's attorney withdrew the due process request.

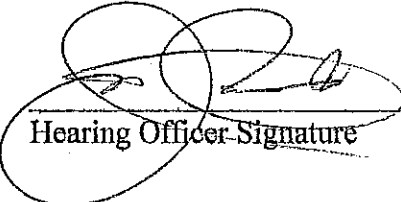
The mailing date for the Final Decision and Order was extended in order to accommodate mediation of the matter. The mailing date for the Final Decision and Order is May 8, 2016.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

THE MATTER IS DISMISSED.

If the local or regional board of education or the unified school district responsible for providing special education for the student requiring special education does not take action on the findings or prescription of the hearing officer within fifteen days after receipt thereof, the State Board of Education shall take appropriate action to enforce the findings or prescription of the hearing officer.

Appeals from the hearing decision of the hearing officer may be made to state or federal court by either party in accordance with the provisions of Section 4-183, Connecticut General Statutes, and Title 20, United States Code 1415(i)(2)(A).



Hearing Officer Signature

Justino Rosado
Hearing Officer Name in Print