

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Achievement First Academy and
Bridgeport Board of Education

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did Achievement First Academy (“AFA”) predetermine the results a manifestation determination prior to the Manifestation Determination PPT meeting?
2. Was the parent denied meaningful participation at the manifestation determination PPT meeting?
3. Did the members of the manifestation determination PPT review all relevant information?
4. Was the behavior in question caused by, or have a direct and substantial relationship to the Student’s disability?
5. Was the behavior in question was the direct result the AFA’s failure to implement the Student’s IEP?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:

The Parent filed the Due Process Complaint and Request for Expedited Hearing on November 29, 2013. The mailing date of the Final Decision is January 29, 2014. The Hearing Officer was appointed on December 5, 2013 and conducted a Prehearing Conference on December 11, 2013. The hearing was scheduled for January 14, 2014. On January 8, 2014, the Parent’s attorney reported to the Hearing Officer that the parties had come to agreement at the

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prehearing Resolution session and that the Parent was withdrawing the Due Process Complaint with prejudice.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The matter is **DISMISSED** with prejudice.