

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Regional School District No. 15 Board of Education

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Appearing Before: Attorney Justino Rosado, Hearing Officer

ISSUES:

1. Is the program offered by the Board for the 2011-2012 school year appropriate and does it provide the Student with a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment (LRE)? If not;
2. Does the residential program at Change Academy Lake of the Ozarks (CALO) in Lake Ozark, Missouri provide the Student with FAPE in the LRE?

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

SUMMARY AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student has been identified as Other Health Impaired, attention deficit disorder (ADD), attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and is a student 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. At an IEP meeting, the Parents requested a residential program at CALO for the Student. The Board refused the Parents' request and the Parents filed for due process.

On December 2, 2011, the Board received notice of the Parents' request for due process. An impartial hearing officer was appointed on December 2, 2011 and a prehearing conference was held on December 13, 2011. A hearing date of January 31, 2012 was chosen by the parties. At a mediation session held on January 12, 2012, the parties were able to resolve the matter. The mailing date of the final decision and order is February 15, 2012.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

THE MATTER IS DISMISSED.