

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Board of Education

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Appearing before:

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Were the Individualized Education Program (IEP) and special education placement offered by the Board appropriate to the Student's needs in the least restrictive environment?
2. If not, is placement at John Dewey Academy (JDA) appropriate to his needs?
3. Is the Board responsible for funding placement at JDA and at a prior therapeutic wilderness program?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

This hearing was requested by the Parents on March 30, 2011. The Hearing Officer was appointed on March 31, 2011. The date for mailing the decision was June 13, 2011. A pre-hearing conference was scheduled for April 20, 2011. That morning, Parent's Attorney notified the Hearing Officer that the matter had been settled at the resolution meeting and that the Parents had withdrawn their request for a hearing.

All motions and objections not previously ruled upon, if any, are hereby overruled.

In order to comply with the confidentiality requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g and related regulations at 34 C.F.R. § 99, the following decision uses "Student", "School", "Parent" and titles of school staff members and other witnesses in place of names and other personally identifiable information.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

Section 10-76h, Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.), and related regulations at Section 10-76h, Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, authorize an impartial hearing officer to conduct a special education hearing and to render a final decision in accordance with Sections 4-176e through 4-180a, inclusive, and Sections 4-181a of the C.G.S. Section 20 U.S.C. § 1415(f) and related regulations at 34 C.F.R. § 300.511 through § 300.520 also authorize special education hearings.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The dispute having been settled and the request for a hearing having been withdrawn, this matter is DISMISSED.