

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Hartford Board of Education

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board err when it found the Student was not eligible for Special Education?
2. Did the Board violate its obligation under Child Find by failing to identify Student as a student eligible for Special Education?
3. If the Student is eligible to receive Special Education, what is the appropriate program?
4. Was the Student denied a Free Appropriate Public Education for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years?
5. If the Student was denied a Free Appropriate Public Education for the 2011-2012 and/or 2012-2013 school years, is the Student entitled to compensatory education?
6. Did the Board commit Procedural Violations, and if so did any such Procedural Violations result in a denial of a Free Appropriate Public Education to the Student?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY AND SUMMARY:

On November 19, 2012, the Hartford Board of Education received a Request for a Special Education Due Process Hearing. The undersigned hearing officer was appointed on November 19, 2012. On December 5, 2012 a prehearing conference was held and hearing dates were set. The parties engaged in mediation on December 10, 2012. On December 18, 2012, Counsel for the Student withdrew the hearing request.

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In light of the above facts, the case is dismissed.