

January 27, 2012

Final Decision and Order 12-0212

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Stamford Board of Education

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Appearing before: Attorney Ann F. Bird, Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES**

1. Is the Student eligible for special education and related services?
2. If so, did the Board of Education offer a free appropriate public education?
3. If not, is the Carmel Academy an appropriate placement for the Student?
4. If so, is the Student entitled to reimbursement for the cost of placement at the Carmel Academy, including transportation?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

The Student submitted a Request for Impartial Special Education Hearing on December 12, 2011. The Hearing Officer was assigned to the case on December 13, 2011. A telephonic prehearing conference was conducted on January 9, 2012. The deadline for completing the hearings and filing a final decision was established to be February 25, 2012. The parties indicated that they were in the process of discussing settlement. Rather than schedule a hearing, the parties requested a second prehearing conference, which was scheduled to take place on January 23, 2012.

On January 25, 2012, the Student requested withdrawal of the Student's Request for Due Process.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

It is ordered that this case shall be dismissed.