

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Hartford Board of Education

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Does the Board's current program and placement for Student provide Student with a Free and Appropriate Education in the Least Restrictive Environment?
2. If the Board's current program and placement for Student are not appropriate, is a placement outside of the district appropriate?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY AND SUMMARY:

On June 7, 2013, the Hartford Board of Education received a request for a special education due process hearing and the undersigned hearing officer was appointed. On July 3, 2013, a prehearing conference was held and hearing dates of August 1, 2013, August 5, 2013 and August 20, 2013 were set. The deadline for mailing the final decision and order was established as August 21, 2013. On July 24, 2013, Attorney for the Student requested that the first two scheduled hearing dates be postponed, so that the parties could engage in settlement negotiations. An extension of the mailing deadline was requested by the Attorney for the Board on July 25, 2013. Both requests were granted. The revised deadline for mailing the final decision and order was established as September 20, 2013. On August 14, 2013, Counsel for the Parents withdrew the hearing request.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

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