

May 14, 2013

Final Decision and Order 13-0338

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Norwalk Board of Education

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Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Did the Board offer an appropriate program in the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years?
2. Did the Board offer an appropriate ESY program for Student in 2011?
3. Did the Board violate Student's rights to procedural due process?
4. Should the Board reimburse Parents for their tuition and transportation expenses from Student's private placement at The Speech Academy in the 2012-2013 school year?
5. Should the Board be required to fund the private placement of the Student at the Speech Academy for the 2013-2014 school year?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:**

The Parent brought the Due Process Request on March 5, 2013. The Hearing Officer conducted a prehearing conference on April 10, 2013. The Mailing Date of the Final Decision and Order is May 17, 2013. The parties engaged in mediation with a state appointed mediator and reported on May 10, 2013 that they had reached an agreement. The Parent's attorney withdrew the Due Process Request with prejudice.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

The matter is **DISMISSED** with prejudice.