

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Griswold Board of Education

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Appearing before: Justino Rosado, Esq.  
Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Does the Student require special education and related services as defined in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA)?
2. Is the Student entitled to compensatory education for the denial of a free and appropriate public education (FAPE)?

**SUMMARY AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY:**

The Student has not been identified as entitled to receive FAPE as defined in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA) 20 U.S.C. §1401 et seq. and Connecticut General Statute §10-76a et seq. At a planning and placement team (PPT) meeting, the Parents requested that the Student be found eligible to receive special education and related services. The Board denied the Parents' request; the Parents disagreed with this decision.

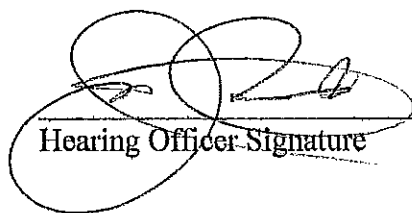
On March 2, 2016, the Board received notice of the Parents' request for due process. An impartial hearing officer was appointed on March 2, 2016 and a pre-hearing conference was scheduled for March 14, 2016. In an electronic transmission, the Parents' attorney advised the hearing officer that the Parents were withdrawing their request for due process without prejudice. The Board did not object. The date for mailing the Final Decision and Order is May 13, 2016.

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**THE MATTER IS DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE.**

If the local or regional board of education or the unified school district responsible for providing special education for the student requiring special education does not take action on the findings or prescription of the hearing officer within fifteen days after receipt thereof, the State Board of Education shall take appropriate action to enforce the findings or prescription of the hearing officer.

Appeals from the hearing decision of the hearing officer may be made to state or federal court by either party in accordance with the provisions of Section 4-183, Connecticut General Statutes, and Title 20, United States Code 1415(i)(2)(A).



Hearing Officer Signature

Justino Rosado  
Hearing Officer Name in Print