

November 7, 2012

Final Decision and Order 13-0033

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Student and Enfield Board of Education

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Has the Board of Education offered the Student appropriate transition services?
2. If not, what is the appropriate remedy?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student requested a special education hearing in the above-captioned matter on July 18, 2012. A telephonic pre-hearing conference was held on August 8, 2012. Hearing dates were scheduled for September 27, 2012 and October 5, 2012.

On August 27, 2012, the Student submitted a written request for a thirty-day postponement and extension of the timelines to conduct the hearing and to file the final decision in this case to October 31, 2012. The request was granted, and the timelines were extended to October 31, 2012.

The hearing scheduled for September 27, 2012 was cancelled due to an unexpected intervening issue involving one of the parties. On October 5, 2012, a hearing was convened in this matter. At that time, both the Student and the Board of Education requested that the hearing be postponed to October 30, 2012. That request was granted and a further hearing date of October 30, 2012 was scheduled.

On October 7, 2012, the Student submitted a further written request for a thirty-day postponement and extension of the timelines to conduct the hearing and to file the final decision in this case to November 28, 2012. That request was also granted, and the timelines were extended to November 28, 2012. On October 25, 2012, the Student requested that the matter be dismissed without prejudice. As a result, the hearing date of October 30, 2012 was cancelled.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

It is ordered that the Student's request for dismissal is granted, and this case is dismissed without prejudice.