

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Student v. Glastonbury Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Parents: Pro Se

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Appearing before: Justino Rosado, Esq., Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Does the Student require 4 hours with an orientation and mobility specialist for the 2012-2013 school year in order to receive a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment (LRE)?
2. Does the Student require an orientation and mobility evaluation?
3. Are the goals and objectives as proposed by the Board at the November 23, 2012 planning and placement team (PPT) meeting, appropriate for the 2012-2013 school year and do they provide the Student with FAPE in the LRE?

SUMMARY AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student has been identified with Visual Impairment and is entitled to receive FAPE as defined in The Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) 20 U.S.C. §1401 et seq. and Connecticut General Statute §10-76a et seq.

At a PPT meeting, the Parents rejected the program offered by the Board for the 2012-2013 school year. The Parents requested an orientation and mobility specialist for the 2012-2013 school year. The Board refused the Parents' request.

On November 13, 2012 the Board received notice of the Parents' request for due process. The parties agreed to go to a resolution meeting. The resolution meeting was held on November 21, 2012. An impartial hearing officer was appointed on November 19, 2012 and a pre-hearing conference was held on November 27, 2012. A hearing date of December 12, 2012 was chosen by the parties.

In an electronic transmission, the Parents advised the hearing officer that the parties were able to resolve the matter and that the matter would be withdrawn with prejudice once the agreement was finalized. The parties requested cancelation of the hearing date. In an electronic transmission, the Parents advised the hearing officer that the agreement was finalized and the matter be withdrawn with prejudice. The withdrawal with prejudice was granted. The date for mailing the Final Decision and Order is January 25, 2013.

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THE MATTER IS DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE.