

CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Student v. Ridgefield Board of Education

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the district provide student with FAPE under IDEA during the March 2017 school year until present?
2. Did the district provide student with FAPE under 504 during the 2016 school year until present? If the Board has not provided a free appropriate public education, did they fail to maintain a continuum of appropriate alternative placement to enable the child to learn/engage in the least restrictive environment?
3. If the Board has not provided a free appropriate public education, then is Winston Prep School program the appropriate program for the Student, for the 2018-19 school year and should the Board be ordered to reimburse the student for the unilateral placement at Winston Prep School, transportation costs, Boys Club, tutoring, and the Independent Educational Evaluation, and such other relief, for the 2018-2019 school year?
4. Is compensatory education a proper remedy for the effects of the District's deprivations of FAPE during all periods relevant to this request for due process?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:

The Parents filed the Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing on March 5, 2019. The Hearing Officer was appointed on March 8, 2019. A Notice for Prehearing Conference was mailed out, and a Prehearing Conference was held on March 18, 2019. The mailing date of the decision was May 19, 2019. A hearing was scheduled for April 25, 2019, which was postponed at the parties' joint request due to mediation. The parties have failed to prosecute their case.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER: The matter is **DISMISSED**.