

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Stamford Board of Education

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board offer an appropriate program for the 2016-17, 2017-18 and/or 2018-19 school years?
2. If not, is the unilateral placement of the Student at Villa Maria Academy the appropriate program for the Student for the 2018-19 school year?
3. If Villa Maria Academy is the appropriate program for the Student, should the Board reimburse the parents for the cost of placement including tuition, transportation and any related costs?
4. Is the Student entitled to compensatory education?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:

The Student is entitled to receive a free and appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment as defined in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (“IDEA”) §20 U. S. C. 1401 et seq. and Connecticut General Statutes §10-76a et seq.

The Parents filed the Due Process Hearing Complaint on December 26, 2018. The Hearing Officer was appointed on January 3, 2019. The Parents withdrew their complaint without prejudice on February 27, 2019.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The matter is DISMISSED with prejudice.