

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Plainville Board of Education v. Student

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Appearing Before: Attorney Justino Rosado, Hearing Officer

ISSUE:

Is the Connection Program at Wheeler School appropriate and does it provide the Student with a free and appropriate program in the least restrictive environment?

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

SUMMARY and PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student has been identified with Multiple Disabilities and is entitled to receive a free and appropriate public education ("FAPE") as defined in the IDEA 20 U.S.C. §1401 et seq. and Connecticut General Statute §10-76a. At a PPT meeting, the Board decided to place the Student at the Connection Program at Wheeler School. The Parent refused the placement. The Board filed for a due process hearing.

An impartial hearing officer was appointed on December 13, 2010 and a pre-hearing conference was held on December 20, 2010. Hearing dates of January 27, 2011, February 7 and 8, 2011 were chosen by the parties. The parties had a mediation date of January 13, 2011 but due to inclement weather, the mediation did not take place. The parties were able to come to an agreement on the matter and request a withdrawal without prejudice. The request was granted. The mailing date for the Final Decision and Order is February 21, 2011.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The matter is **DISMISSED** without prejudice.