

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

STATE OF GEORGIA

D. R.,

Appellant,

vs.

CASE NO. 2000-39

**CRAWFORD COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION,**

DECISION

Appellee.

This is an appeal by D. R. (Student) from a decision by the Crawford County Board of Education (Local Board) to deny him credits because of excessive absences. The Student claims that the Local Board's policy regarding grades does not comply with the State Board of Education's policy. The Local Board's decision is sustained.

The Student had 12 unexcused absences in three classes during the spring semester of the 1998-1999 school year and consequently was denied credit under the Local Board's Policy JB, which denies credit if a student has more than five unexcused absences in a semester. The Student's principal offered the Student an opportunity to receive the credits if the Student was not absent more than five days during the fall semester of the 1999-2000 school year. The Student was absent six days during the fall semester and the principal refused to reinstate the credits for the spring semester of the 1998-1999 school year. The Student appealed to the Local Board and then to the State Board of Education when the Local Board sustained the principal's decision.

This case is governed by *S. H. v. Crawford Cnty. Bd. of Educ.*, Case No. 2000-38, decided today. The Local Board properly denied the Student the credits for the spring semester of the 1998-1999 school year. Accordingly, the Local Board's decision is SUSTAINED.

This _____ day of September 2000.

Bruce Jackson
Vice Chairman for Appeals