

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**STATE OF GEORGIA**

**N. J.,**

**Appellant,**

**vs.**

**CASE NO. 2000-40**

**CRAWFORD COUNTY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION,**

**DECISION**

**Appellee.**

This is an appeal by N. J. (Student) from a decision by the Crawford County Board of Education (Local Board) to deny her credits because of excessive absences. The Student filed the appeal but did not raise any issues to be decided by the State Board of Education. The Local Board's decision is sustained.

The Student had more than five unexcused absences in two classes during the spring semester of the 1998-1999 school year and was denied credit for the classes 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 more than five days during the fall semester of the 1999-2000 school year 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 credits for the spring semester of the 1998-1999 school year. Accordingly, the Local Board's decision is **SUSTAINED**.

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of September 2000.

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Bruce Jackson  
Vice Chairman for Appeals