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Expelled student sues academy

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MILTON — A former Milton Academy student from Texas is suing the private school, claiming she was wrongly expelled.

A lawyer for Dana Corddry filed the suit last week in U.S. District Court in Boston.

Corddry charges that the prestigious school violated the Americans with Disabilities Act when officials expelled her despite knowing she had health problems.

Her lawyer, Marc Redlich, claimed in the suit that Corddry had a medically diagnosed condition that contributed to her sleeping late and missing a few classes.

The school denies it did anything wrong.

"Milton Academy cares about all of its students, including Dana Corddry," spokeswoman Cathleen Everett said in a statement released today. "The Academy used both compassion and experienced professional judgment in responding to Ms. Corddry. The Academy consistently communicated with Ms. Corddry's parents with regard to her situation."

A Norfolk Superior Court judge last year ordered the school to allow Corddry to attend classes until the end of the year. School officials, however, refused to give her grades or a diploma and told her she could not attend the prom.

Everett said the judge upheld the decision to expel Corddry. She said the judge, as a precautionary measure, told school officials to allow Corddry to attend the remaining two weeks of classes so that she would not have been denied her right to finish out the year, if another court overruled the decision.

"While the school will not respond to specific allegations, it maintains that it acted properly at all times," Everett said.

Corddry, who is from Houston, later took a high school equivalency test and is a freshman at the University of Texas.

Redlich claims Milton Academy could have accommodated her disability by allowing her more absences than other students because of her depression and run-down condition.