

November 4, 2021, OHSAA Appeals

The OHSAA Appeals Panel met with appellants on November 4, 2021, virtually through Microsoft Teams. Appeals Panel members were Dr. Dale Fortner, former superintendent of the Wadsworth City Schools; Mr. Tyrone Olverson, former superintendent of Trotwood City Schools; and Dr. Kathy McFarland, deputy chief executive director of the Ohio School Boards Association. Dr. Fortner served as the appeals hearing officer.

Also in attendance for all or portions of the appeals: Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel; Bob Goldring, OHSAA director of communications and special projects; Kristin Ronai, OHSAA director of compliance; Ronald Sayers, OHSAA manager of membership and compliance; and Alexis Holderman, OHSAA membership and compliance administrative assistance.

A. Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, A 12th-Grade Student, St. Paris Graham High School (Southwest District)

A 12th-grade student at St. Paris Graham High School did not pass five one-credits courses or the equivalent during the first grading period of the 2021-22 school year. The Executive Director's Office ruled that the student was ineligible for interscholastic athletics for the second grading period of the 2021-22 school year in accordance with Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship.

The student; their parents, Michelle Rudasil and Brian Sells; Jay Lewis, Graham athletic administrator; Bill Overla, Graham principal; and Mindy Bechtel, Graham guidance counselor, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Graham High School.

There was a motion to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 3-0.