



USD 497 News Release

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Administrative Announcement



Lawrence High School Principal Dr. Quentin Rials announces the selection of Patrick Graham as LHS assistant principal and athletic director, effective July 1, pending school board approval. Graham is completing his tenth year as principal of Santa Fe Trail High School, where he also served as assistant principal for six years. He will succeed Mike Gillman, whom Dr. Rials promoted to LHS associate principal.

“I am delighted that Patrick, with his considerable experience in school leadership, will be bringing a valuable, fresh perspective to LHS. We eagerly anticipate his integration into our already robust team and are enthusiastic about acquainting him with the traditions of the Chesty Lion,” said Dr. Rials.

Graham’s previous experience includes serving three years as a junior/senior high school principal for the Axtell Public Schools and seven years teaching high school English in Holton, Council Grove, and Ottawa. Graham earned his bachelor’s degree at Washburn University and his master’s at Emporia State University.

Graham said that he is thrilled to join Lawrence High School’s staff as assistant principal and athletic director. “I am excited to bring my passion for education, leadership, and sports to this role and look forward to getting to know each of you,” he said.

“As we work together, I am committed to fostering a positive and inclusive school culture, supporting the academic and athletic success of our students, and building strong relationships with our staff and community. I am eager to learn about the school’s traditions, programs, and initiatives, and to contribute to the continued growth and success of Lawrence High,” said Graham.

In addition to Dr. Rials, Gillman, and Graham, Lawrence High’s administrative team includes assistant principals Dr. Elaina Honas and Greg Farley. LHS served 1,515 students in grades 9-12 this school year.

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