
SCHOOLS - SOUTH CAROLINA

Palms v. School Dist. of Greenville County

Court of Appeals of South Carolina - May 30, 2014 - S.E.2d - 2014 WL 2453328

Parents, as guardians ad litem for student, sued school district seeking writ of mandamus directing district to restore student's original grade point average (GPA) and class rank, and for an injunction prohibiting district from altering GPA in manner inconsistent with writ. The Circuit Court granted writ and injunction. District appealed.

The Court of Appeals held that parents failed to present justiciable controversy.

Student's parents who sought writ of mandamus directing school district to restore high school student's GPA and class rank to the higher levels originally calculated under district's formula for transfer students, following reduction of student's GPA after other parent expressed concern that transferor school inflated grades, failed to present justiciable controversy.

There was no evidence that district acted corruptly or in bad faith, or that it abused its power, when it recalculated student's GPA and ranking, grade calculation was fundamental function of district, and disputes such as whose student would be valedictorian were academic disputes for district to resolve.

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