**WALWORTH POLICY: 442.5**

**POSSESSION OR USE BY STUDENTS OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES**

The Board of Education of Walworth Jt. District #1 believes that the possession and/or use of electronic communication devices by students in school is potentially disruptive to the educational setting and/or harmful to others within the school. Wisconsin State Law allows that local School Boards may adopt rules prohibiting the possession and/or use of electronic communication devices unless their use is pre-approved by the District Administrator.

The Walworth Jt. District #1 will regulate the possession and use of electronic communication devices. All grades JK-8 students are not allowed to use electronic communication devices during the instructional school day. All electronic communication devices must remain in student lockers or bookbags and must be turned off during the instructional school day. If the student is unsure whether a device in their possession or use is a regulated electronic communication device under this policy, he or she is responsible for obtaining permission for its use by consulting the District Administrator or designee.

This rule is in effect while the student is on school premises and/or attending school activities that are held either on or off school premises. School premises include any place which is owned, rented, or under the control of the Walworth Jt. District #1.

Permission may be granted for the use and/or possession of an electronic communication device only if the District Administrator or designee determines that the device is necessary for a medical, school, educational, vocational or other legitimate purpose (e.g. IEP). Permitted use may be regulated or restricted due to legitimate and reasonable District concerns. Examples of District concerns include safety, potential for disruption to educational processes, and security issues.

Disciplinary procedures for the possession and/or use of electronic communication devices, without permission, will be determined by the District Administrator and/or designee and may include, but not limited to, the temporary confiscation of the device and/or permanent rescission of the ability to bring the electronic communication device to school. If an electronic communication device is confiscated by the District Administrator or designee, the student shall comply with the procedures set forth by the administration for the return of the device. The District Administrator or designee may contact and involve law enforcement if the administration suspects that the electronic communication device is possessed or used for an illegal purpose or for a purpose that causes harm to the user or others. Students, parents, and faculty will receive annual notice of this policy.

Walworth Jt. District #1 does not discriminate on admissions to any school, class, program, or activity on the basis of sex, religion, national origin, creed, pregnancy, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, learning, emotional, or mental disability. All discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.

**LEGAL REFERENCES:** Section 118.258 Wisconsin Statutes

**CROSS REFERENCES:** 363.6- Acceptable Use of Personally Owned Devices

731.1- Locker Rooms, Bathrooms, & Any Other Area Where There Is an Expectation of Privacy

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