**WALWORTH POLICY: 324**

**EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

The Walworth Joint School District #1 will implement the *McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act* to ensure that homeless individuals and unaccompanied youth (youth not in the physical custody of a parent/guardian) initially residing in the District are provided with equal access to the same free appropriate public education. This includes comparable service provided to other students and youth who reside in the District. Homeless children and youth shall have equal opportunities to meet state and district academic achievement standards and are free from discrimination, segregation, stigmatization and harassment.

Students qualifying under the *McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act* shall be place in District schools in accordance with the legal requirements of the Act. The District’s assignment of students to schools policy shall not be applied as long as the children or youth qualifies under the *McKinney-Vento Act*.

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

**LEGAL REFERENCES:** Wisconsin Statutes Section 118.13 [Student nondiscrimination] McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11431 et. seq.) [School placement options for homeless children and youth]

Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. ssl 400 et. seq.)

Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (20 U.S.C. ss6311- 64515)

Title IX, Education Amendment of 1972 Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964 Civil Rights Act of 1991

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