**WALWORTH POLICY: 342.8**

**EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM**

 Walworth Joint School District #1 believes that enriching each child’s life at the earliest age possible is of critical importance. Therefore, the Board of Education is committed to administering and implementing a quality early childhood program designed to address the needs of young school age learners.

The District shall operate a five-year-old kindergarten program that includes opportunities for students to learn basic concepts and skills in language arts, fine arts, social studies, science, mathematics, health, and physical education.

The District shall operate a four-year-old pre-kindergarten program that responds to the developing needs of the child. The four-year-old pre-kindergarten program will be assessed annually and approved based on available District resources and the needs of the community.

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 State Statute 118.33(6)(cm)1-3; 118.14; 118.15(1)(am)

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