

## **SUMMARY STATEMENTS**

The following summary statements reinforce the guiding principles, relevant literature on early learning standards, and developmentally appropriate practice in early childhood programs.

### **The Missoula County Public Schools Pre-kindergarten Foundation for the Common Core IS:**

- A resource for guiding the design, selection, and implementation of a high quality curriculum.
- A guide for planning experiences and instructional activities that enable children to meet the standards.
- A framework for all pre-kindergarten children regardless of language, background, or diverse needs.
- A focus for discussions regarding the education of young children by educators, policy makers, families, and community members.

### **The Missoula County Public Schools Pre-kindergarten Foundation for the Common Core is NOT:**

- Intended to be used as a checklist but can inform the development or selection of screening and progress monitoring tools.
- Intended to be used as an assessment tool.
- Intended to be used as a curriculum.
- Meant to bar children from kindergarten entry.
- Meant to stifle the creativity of teachers, caregivers, or parents.
- Intended to mandate specific teaching practices or materials.