Missoula County Public Schools
Instruction  2421
Promotion/Retention
The District recognizes that students of the same age are at many intellectual and
developmental levels and that these differences are a normal part of human devel-
opment. Because of these differences, the administration and teaching staff are
directed to make reasonable effort to develop curricula and programs which meet the
individual and unique needs of all students and allow them to remain with their age
cohorts.
While the research does not support retention as an instructional strategy, there may on
occasion be cases where retention is warranted. The administration is directed to
develop procedures and programs to reduce retentions to a minimum and to ensure
that students who are retained have a high likelihood of benefiting from that retention.
Retentions may be enforced when the principal recommends the student repeat the
grade. In each case, teacher and parental agreement with the pending retention shall
be sought.
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