

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 development. 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.

Policy History:

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