

## Missoula County Public Schools

### INSTRUCTION

2131

#### District-Wide Standardized Testing Program

Missoula County Public Schools will conduct standardized testing. While standardized tests have limitations, they also have considerable potential to improve the quality of the instructional program. They can provide important program information at the classroom, school and district levels. They can be used to identify the strengths and weaknesses in the instructional program, to identify instruction improvement priorities, and, when examined over a period of years, they allow the staff to see trends in the effectiveness of the instructional program.

On an individual student basis, when used in conjunction with teacher judgment, standardized tests can provide the teacher, parent and student with information on the students' achievement as compared with other students in Missoula County Public Schools as well as nationally.

#### District-Wide Non-Standardized Testing Program

In addition to standardized testing, the district will use a variety of other assessments for the purpose of measuring student progress and improving instruction and student learning.

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