

How can I find out more about Co-Teaching?

The following web sites provide additional information about co-teaching.

- www.powerof2.org/
- www.ctserc.org/initiatives/teachandlearn/coteach.html

If you have questions or would like to visit, please call

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“Children who learn together, learn to live together.”



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Co-Teaching: Questions & Answers



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What is Co-Teaching?



Co-teaching is a classroom situation where two educators, a general educator and a special educator (or other specialist) combine their expertise, in an organized manner to jointly teach a single classroom for a part of the school day.

The classroom is heterogeneously grouped, meaning that students from ALL ability groupings participate in the classroom activities.

The co-teachers are given time to plan together in order to coordinate their efforts and prepare lessons. The teachers work as a team to provide the best learning experience possible for all students.

What are advantages of Co-Teaching?

Some of the benefits of co-teaching that have been demonstrated by research include:

- Improved academic performance (Walther-Thomas, 1997).
- Increased emphasis on cognitive strategies and study skills (Walther-Thomas, 1997).
- Positive social outcomes for all students (Hunt, Alwell, Farron-Davis & Goetz, 1996).
- Access to the general curriculum for all students (Bauwens & Hourcade, 1997).
- More individual attention and more interaction with teachers (Zigmond, Magiera & Matta, 2003).



What does Co-Teaching Look Like?

Co-teachers work together in different ways to achieve this combined effort of teaching.

- Sometimes both teachers may present the lesson together.
- Station teaching is another method, where both teachers set up centers with specific goals.



- Sometimes one teacher teaches while the other teacher circulates to assist individual students or observes to assess learning.
- Another method is for one teacher to work with a group of students that need extra help while the other teacher works with the rest of the students.