

Team Teaching

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| | We will use team teaching in our classroom when..... |
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Description: Both teachers deliver instruction and interact with the entire class at the same time in a coordinated fashion. Teachers may alternate lead and complementary roles.

Pros: Different teaching styles meet the needs of more students. It enhances student engagement and helps with classroom management.

Cons: It challenges interpersonal skills and may not maximize the use of two teachers.

Guidelines for Use: Team teaching requires a significant amount of respect and trust between teachers.

Pitfalls to Avoid: Be careful that the same teacher does not take the lead instructional role all the time. The special education teacher should not assume the role of an assistant.

Team Teaching Strategies

| When one teacher: | The other teacher: |
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| Leads introduction | Monitors/supports organization (agendas, class notebooks) |
| Leads lecture/discussion | Models use of graphic organizer on overhead |
| Presents one side of a debate | Presents other side of a debate |
| Monitors cooperative learning groups- Zone 1 | Monitors cooperative learning groups- Zone 2 |

Team Teaching (Continued)

Pitfalls to Avoid

- The same teacher taking the lead instructional role all the time.
- The special education teacher assuming the role of an assistant.

Elementary Examples

- In a math lesson on equivalent fractions, one teacher leads instruction and one teacher monitors written work and provides concrete models or visual representations of equivalent fractions for some students.
- In language arts, one teacher introduces vocabulary words, and one teacher models the use of a linking vocabulary strategy to assist students in remembering the meaning.

Middle School Examples

- In social studies, one teaches lectures on the three branches of government. One teacher draws a diagram to show the checks and balances of the three branches.
- In science, one teacher demonstrates and explains an experiment, while one teacher models writing lab notes based on the experiment.

High School Examples

- In civics, the two teachers debate foreign policy representing each of the two political parties.
- In language arts, the two teachers role-play a scene from *The Scarlet Letter*.