# **Co-Teaching Strategies**

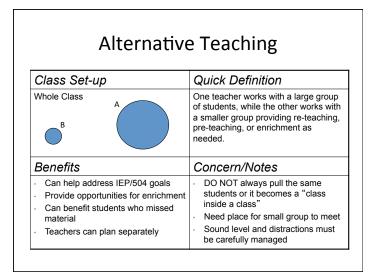
Class Set-up	Quick Definition	
Whole Class B	One teacher is in the front of the class leading instruction. The other is gathering specific information.	
Benefits	Concern/Notes	
<ul> <li>Provides extra set of eyes in classroom</li> <li>Provides data about instruction or student learning</li> <li>Easy to implement</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Too easy to develop into a habit</li> <li>Most effective if teachers agree in advance what is to be observed</li> <li>Be aware of unequal power dynamics and students' perception of teachers' roles</li> </ul>	

## One Teach, One Assist

Class Set-up	Quick Definition           One teacher works with the whole class, while the other assists individual students or groups of students.           Assistant may help with classroom management and provide a "voice" to articulate student concerns.           Concern/Notes	
Whole Class B		
Benefits		
<ul> <li>Provides assistance to individuals throughout the lesson</li> <li>Easy to implement</li> <li>Does not require a lot of planning</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Too easy to become a habit</li> <li>One teacher may consistently feel like an assistant or be viewed by students as an assistant</li> <li>Changing roles is essential</li> </ul>	

Station Teaching			
Class Set-up	Quick Definition		
Regrouping B A	Students are divided into three or more small groups to go to stations or centers. Students rotate through multiple stations. Teachers can facilitate individual stations or circulate among all stations.		
Benefits	Concern/Notes		
<ul> <li>Smaller groups may be better for instruction, assessment, and class management</li> <li>Allows for differentiation, movement, and hands-on activity</li> </ul>	Need to use their space differently     Teachers need to plan for their groups     Class management and transitions need to be structured     Independent station(s) need to be well-planned and self-sufficient		

Parallel Teaching			
Class Set-up	Quick Definition		
Regrouping B A	Each teacher takes half the class. Groups may be doing the same or different content in the same or different ways.		
Benefits	Concern/Notes		
<ul> <li>Smaller groups are better for instruction, assessment, and class management</li> <li>Allows teachers to have their own groups</li> <li>Allows intern to teach same lesson/ mirror teacher</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Need to use space differently</li> <li>Teachers need to plan for their group</li> <li>Sound level and distractions must be carefully managed</li> <li>Don't switch groups during a lesson</li> </ul>		



Team Teaching			
Class Set-up	Quick Definition Teachers lead the class together. This may take the form of debates, modeling information, compare/ contrast, or role-playing.		
Whole Class A B			
Benefits	Concern/Notes		
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Demonstrates parity and collaboration between teachers	Takes planning and willingness to "share the stage"		
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