Ten Tips for Co-Teaching Success
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Three Categories:

• Structures
• Strategies
• Mindset
#10 Classroom Management
Share beliefs—philosophies—routines—delineate roles.

#9 Co-Create a Shared Vision
Set goals—individually create and share—co-create co-teaching mission statement—embed shared vision to set strong foundation for all experiences throughout the year.

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#8 Ongoing Communication
In the moments—nonverbal—check-ins—post-its—asynchronous—focus on what ways you CAN share ideas (even if you do not have official co-planning time).

#7 Embrace Individual Expertise
Distinguishable roles—advocate for specific roles—rotate responsibilities—content and strategy expertise.

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#6 Go Beyond Differentiating Instruction
Differentiate through a Universal Design for Learning (UDL) lens—“fix” curriculum—not the students—embrace learner variability.

#5 Teach with Intention—Times 2!
Vary co-teaching models—be co-active and purposeful—meet needs of individuals and groups.
Mindset

#4 Know your students! Know your co-teacher! Surveys—interviews—conversations—interests—emotions.

#3 Remember—we are ALL learners!
It’s all about the process:
• In class: formative assessment—check for understanding--embrace a growth mindset—power of yet. (See Carol Dweck in this TedTalk)
• Outside of class: ongoing professional development.

#2 Be Resilient! Be Persistent! Be Accepting!
#1 Cultivate Relationships
Between co-teachers, students, and with the process of learning itself.

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Additional Co-Teaching/UDL Resources

1. Interactive UDL Guidelines
2. CAST: [www.cast.org](http://www.cast.org)
3. UDL Guidelines (Center for Applied Specialized Technology CAST)

1. Elevating Co-Teaching through UDL
2. How to Chisel a Teaching Masterpiece
3. Naturally Embed UDL in no time!
4. 6 Steps to Successful Co-Teaching: National Education Association (NEA)

7. A Deeper Look into Co-Teaching Success: (Brookes Publishing)
8. 53 Ways to Check for Understanding: (Edutopia)
Let’s continue the conversations

Join ongoing collaborations on Twitter chats on co-teaching and universal design for learning.

#CoTeachat every 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 4\textsuperscript{th} Tuesday each month at 8:00-8:45 (EST)

#UDLchat every every 1\textsuperscript{st} and 3\textsuperscript{rd} Wednesday each month at 9:00-9:30 (EST)

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Thank you!
More Resources

Co-Teaching for Rookies: Building Trust and Looking at the Big Picture

Co-Teaching for Rookies: Classroom Organization and Managing Details

Hurdles in Pairing General, Special Education Teachers

10 Ways to Optimize Classroom Co-Teaching
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Required Reading from *Education Week*:

**Improving Instruction with Co-Teaching**
Examining benefits from both the teacher and student viewpoints, this report highlights the critical components of an effectively co-taught classroom and the barriers that must be overcome in order to ensure student achievement.

**Spotlight on Differentiated Instruction**
In this Spotlight, learn about the challenges of differentiation, how educators are personalizing instruction in literacy and math, and identifying students' academic strengths.