**What is Co-Teaching?**

Co-teaching is when a general education teacher and a special education teacher share responsibilities of planning lessons, delivering instruction, and assessing skills in a heterogeneous classroom.

Co-teaching allows for all students to receive a standards based education in a least restrictive environment.

Co-teaching allows all students access to grade-level curriculum aligned to the Common Core State Standards while still meeting individual educational needs.

**Things to Remember:**

All kids can learn.

All kids can make friends.

All kids can be a friend.

All kids can participate.

All kids can be successful.

All kids can have fun.

All kids can contribute.

All kids have strengths.

\*Brochure based off of Parent Guide Brochure included in The Ultimate Co-Teaching Start-Up Kit from Nicole Chavanne (Learning Lab) 2014\*

Co-Teaching

In Your Child’s Classroom



A Parent Guide

The Benefits Of Being in a Co-Taught Classroom

* Increased appreciation of differences
* Increased teacher time and attention
* Alternate methods of teaching
* Social skills instruction
* New and lasting friendships
* Strong sense of a classroom community
* Study skills instruction
* Increased test scores
* And much more!

What Does Co-Teaching Look Like?

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| One Teach,  One Observe | One teacher leads the instruction while the other observes and gathers data to be reviewed after the lesson |
| One Teach,  One Assist | One teacher leads instruction while the other circulates the room and provides assistance to students as needed. |
| Parallel Teaching | Both teachers teach the same content, but to a divided class. This allows for differentiation. The teachers should alternate the group they work with. |
| Team Teaching | Both teachers share the delivery of the same content at the same time to the whole group. This is the most complex co-teaching style and requires the most planning. |
| Station Teaching | Both teachers divide content and students. Students spend time with each teacher. A third station can be added for independent work. |
| Alternative Teaching | One teacher delivers instruction to the whole class while the other works in small groups to provide preteaching and reteaching as needed. |

Frequently Asked Questions

Which one is my child’s teacher?

* *Both! Both teachers will work with all students and are responsible for instruction, assessment, and guidance of all students in the classroom.*

What subjects will my child have two teachers teaching?

* *Reading, Writing, Word Study, and Math will be co-taught every day. Science and Social Studies may be co-taught, but not every day.*

What if the pacing is too slow or too fast because of the varying levels?

* *Because there are extra adults in the room, your child will get a custom education. ALL students receive individualized instruction!*

What if I still have more questions?

* *Feel free to contact*

*Mr. Hietpas or Mrs. Kleist.*

*You can also contact Mrs. McCormick, Director of Pupil Services, or Mrs. VanHandel, LCIMS principal.*