







Creating Inclusive Learning Environments

January 2024

Our Mission & Vision

Our aim is to provide unparalleled statewide technical assistance to educational communities in their pursuit of inclusive and equitable systems. Together we seek to empower each student to be purposeful and motivated, resourceful and knowledgeable, and strategic and goal directed within an environment of belonging, community and connection.

Our vision is for every student to be educated in an environment that is intentionally designed, equitable and inclusive.

Innovate. Include. Impact.

Today's Presenters



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Learning Objectives

Participants will...

- Gain clarity on the their individual perspectives of inclusive education
- Contribute to the collective vision for inclusion at SCUSD
- Gain access to resources



In ACTION!

SIP One Pager

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Tier 1

Provision of no-cost professional development offered in-person and virtually and open to any school community throughout the state

Website: www.sipinclusion.org

Social Media: FB/Twitter **@sipinclusion**

The Special EDge newsletter

SIP & Sam Inclusion Podcast

Tier 2

Direct technical assistance to grantees provided at the county, Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA), district, and individual site levels.

Personalized Professional Development

Leadership Team Strategic Planning

Grant Funding

Tier 3

Support for districts in Level 2 Intensive Compliance and Improvement Monitoring

Statewide committee membership

Specially designed technical assistance at the request of CDE.



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SCUSD CAC: Inclusion By Design

"Nothing About Us Without Us!"

Presentation Materials

PowerPoint Presentation

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Educational Benefit and the

Common Core Essential : Elements and Alternative Achievement Descriptions

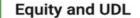
Math K-5

Kindergarten - 5 Grade Instructional Guide

Essential Elements CCC Math K-5 PDF document padlet drive

Math 6-8

6-8 Grade Instructional Guide



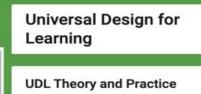
Who Do We Value?



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Blog by Katie Novak Comparing Differences between Equity, Equality, and Expert Learning







Better Together:

Creating Inclusive Learning Environments through Co-Teaching





Training Date #1

Training Date #2

Training Date #3

Cohort 1

October 24th, 2023

December 6th, 2023

February 26th, 2024

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Cohort 2

October 26th, 2023

December 7th, 2023

February 27th, 2024

Padlet of Resources

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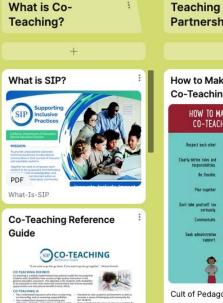
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Supporting Inclusive Practices (SIP) Project - 20h

SCUSD Better Together: Creating Inclusive Learning Environments Through Co-Teaching

Sacramento City Unified School District 2023-2024







Resources for Developing a Co-



Resources for Co-

Planning







Imagine....

...a community in which everyone experienced a sense of belonging, connection, and access.







GROUNDING ACTIVITY

Within a meaningful inclusive learning environment...

- ... students would experience _____
- ...students would feel _____
- ...you would observe _____

Instructions:

- 2 minutesSilently reflect
- 6 minutes
 Jot your
 thoughts on
 sticky notes
- Group like ideas on the poster



Inclusion: What Would you Observe?





Inclusion: What Would Students Experience?





Inclusion: How Would Students Feel?



Define Inclusion...

Inclusion is....

- Jot your statement down on a sticky note
- We are eager to hear your insights, so be ready to share



Benefits of Inclusive Education

Students With Disabilities

Higher Rates of Academic Performance

Higher Student Engagement

More Satisfying and Diverse Friendships

Improved Communication

Less Disruptive Behaviors

Better Post High School Outcomes

Students Without Disabilities

Greater Gains in Math and Reading

Reduced Fear of Difference

Greater Empathy

Improved Self-Concept

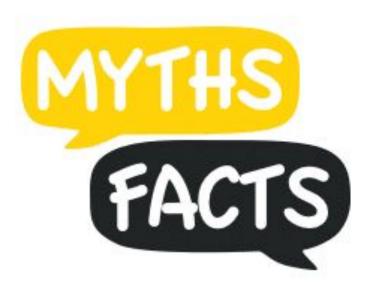
Increased Social Cognition

Better Ethical Principles



Let's Talk About Co-Teaching!





Inclusive Partnerships

Informal Teaming



- Initiated at a teacher level
- Carved out at random times
- Relationally Dependent

Formal Teaming



- Scheduled consistent collaboration
- Integrated PD within PLC structures
- Defined roles

Systematic Integration



- Push in supports
- Build into school schedule/plan
- Ongoing collaboration (formal & informal)

Co-teaching



- Interdependent team
- Myriad of instructional models
- Professional Conditioning



Co-Teaching is...

Instructional model

Two credentialed educators

Both educators co-plan prior to instruction

Both educators co-instruct and co-assess

SAI is provided in addition to the co-taught lesson



Co-Teaching is Not...

A teacher and an assistant or paraprofessional

Two or more adults in one room- an extra set of hands

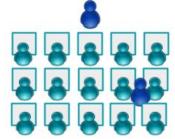
An alternative teaching schedule

Collaboration/ Push-In Support One teacher and one "behavior monitor"

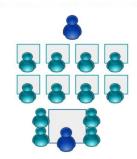


Co-Teaching Models Co-Teaching the Lesson





Alternative Teaching



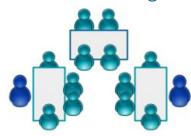
Parallel Teaching



Team Teaching



Station Teaching



One Teach, One Observe





Co-Teaching FAQ and Reference Guides



"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." -African Proverb

CO-TEACHING DEFINED

Co-teaching is a widely implemented instructional model for ensuring that students with disabilities have access to high quality instruction in the general education classroom. The objective is for students with disabilities to be educated in their least restrictive environment and receive equitable opportunities and educational benefit (Friend, 2014).

CO-TEACHING IS

. Two credentialed educators who share co-planning, . Intended to raise academic achievement as well as co-instructing, and co-assessing responsibilities

NOT

- Two credentialed educators coordinating and instruction to a diverse group eral education classroom
- increase a sense of belonging and community for ALL students
 - Two credentia student outco
 - embers of their co-taught class

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WHAT IS CO-TEACHING?

Co-teaching is when a general education teacher and a special education teacher work as partners in a general education classroom to plan lessons, deliver instruction, and assess student skills (Murawski, 2013). Both teachers work with all students to ensure they receive a standards-based education in an inclusive environment.

BENEFITS OF CO-TEACHING

For All Students

- Improved academic performance
- Increased time and attention from teachers
- Exposure to additional learning strategies
- · Improved understanding of various disabilities
- · Appreciation of individual strengths and diversity
- Improved classroom communities
- Enhanced self-esteem and stronger self-advocacy and social skills

For Students with Disabilities

- · Access to the general education curriculum
- Access to specialized academic instruction
- · Greater level of teacher access
- · Improved social skill development
- · A sense of community and belonging
- · Increased student engagement
- · Improved behavior
- Increased access to postsecondary college and career (employment) ontions

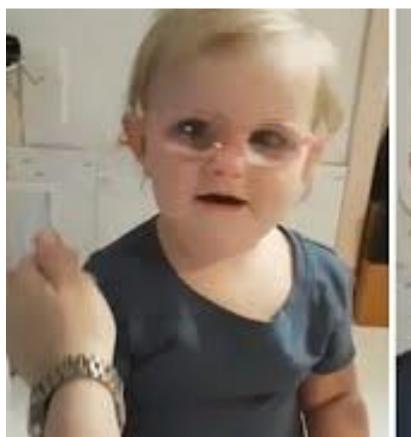
Co-Teaching: What are the benefits of co-teaching?

Co-Teaching

FREQUENTLY ASKED

QUESTIONS (FAQ)

- Co-teaching improves instruction for all students of all abilities (Hanover, 2012).
- . Inclusive classrooms, where general education and special education teachers co-instruct, show an improvement in learning for students with learning disabilities (LD) (Cramer, Liston, Nevin &
- · For students with disabilities, co-taught classes eliminate the stigma of being in special education classes (Hanover, 2012).
- Co-teaching fosters a sense of support among teachers (Hanover, 2012).
- · Participation in co-taught classes has a positive impact on school achievement of students not in special education (Szumski, Smogorzewska & Karwowski, 2017).
- Administrators, teachers, and students perceive co-teaching to be beneficial to general education







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Resources for Families

Welcome to the HQ IEPs Project

The High Quality IEPs Project (HQ IEPs) is excited to serve families and Local Education Agencies (LEAs) across California by providing training and resources to support meaningful engagement in the Individualized Education Program (IEP) process.

Our Vision

HQ IEPs envisions a future in which all LEAs, in partnership with families, have the capacity to develop high-quality IEPs, utilizing best practices, which results in meaningful participation and educational benefit for students. This vision is rooted in equitable practices, which will intentionally remove barriers for both students and families, resulting in positive academic and social-emotional outcomes.





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Resources for **Families**



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Families

The HQ IEPs Project aims to increase the knowledge and participation of families as members of the IEP team. As a family member, your input and contribution is valuable to the IEP process. Click below to access resources to support you before, during, and after the IEP journey.





DURING the IEP





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ACCELERATING STUDENT LEARNING

Navigating Toward True Co-Teaching Practices

Virtual Event

Jan. 30th, 2024 Feb. 13th, 2024

Feb. 20th, 2024

All sessions: 3:00- 4:30 PST



With Co-Teaching experts, Dr. Marilyn Friend & Dr. Paula Kluth



Register NOW!



3"ANNUAL INCLUSION CONFERENCE

Free Virtual Event



Shifting Beliefs into Action



May 9th-10th === 2024===





Archived Virtual Events



Featured Podcast



SIP and Sam Inclusion Coffee Talk Podcast

SIP & Sam Inclusion Coffee Talk Ills the voices of the disability community to challenge the current system and inspire change makers that are empowered to take action in creating inclusive communities rooted in belonging. If you are committed to being an inclusion ally this podcast is for you! Listen to epislosed HERE.

Recorded Webinars



Archived Virtual Events





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