

## Teacher Actions During Co-Teaching

*TQE Strategies (2005) along with Adaptations from Murawski & Dieker (2004)*

**Co-Teaching is an Attitude... an attitude of sharing the classroom and students  
Co-Teachers must always be thinking – We're Both Teaching!**

If one teacher is leading instruction...	The other can be doing this...
	<p><b>Observing for:</b>            student understanding and/or questions (through body language, facial expressions, etc.);            specific types of questions asked by instructing teacher;            specific student interactions and behaviors;            teacher movement;            specific teacher behaviors;            specific student or group behaviors;</p>
	<p><b>Charting:</b>            where questions are directed within the classroom;            gender of responders;            on-task/off task behavior;            teacher wait time;            specific teacher behaviors or movements;            specific student or group behaviors</p>
	<p><b>Circulating:</b>            checking for comprehension;            using proximity control for behavior management;            checking for comprehension;            providing one-on-one support as needed</p>
	Collecting and reviewing last night's homework
	Introducing a social or study skill
	Taking roll
	Reviewing directions; modeling first problem on the assignment
	Writing down instructions on board
	Repeating or clarifying any difficult concepts
	Passing out papers
	Giving instructions orally
	Facilitating a silent activity
	Introducing a new concept to whole group
	Asking clarifying questions

<b>If one teacher is...</b>	<b>The other can be doing this...</b>
Reading a test aloud to a group of students	Proctoring a test silently with a group of students
Explaining a new concept through discussion	Introducing a new concept through role play or modeling;
Provide enriching or extended activities on a concept already discussed in class	Re-teach or review and old concept with students who didn't understand it
Provide enriching or extended activities related to items on a test	Re-teach or review those concepts or questions that were missed on an exam with those students who missed those questions on the exam
Predicting what will happen next (in book or text) by brainstorming with a group of students using the overhead	Predicting what will happen next (in a book or text) by showing objects that have already been introduced in the story and using them to predict what happens next
Re-teaching or pre-teaching with a small group	Monitoring large group as they work on practice materials
Facilitating sustained silent reading	Reading aloud quietly with a small group
Lecturing	Modeling note taking on the board/overhead
Running last minute copies or errands	Reviewing homework; providing a study or test-taking strategy
Prepping half of the class for one side of a debate	Prepping the other half of the class for the opposing side of the debate
Checking for understanding (reviewing a chapter, etc.) by leading a discussion with half of the class	Checking of understanding (reviewing a chapter, etc.) by leading a discussion with half of the class
Facilitating a station or group	Facilitating a station or group

**The main focus of *Co-Teaching* is to find ways to keep both teachers actively engaged with students and their learning.**