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Best Practices for Co-Teaching K-12 Students Online with Engageli

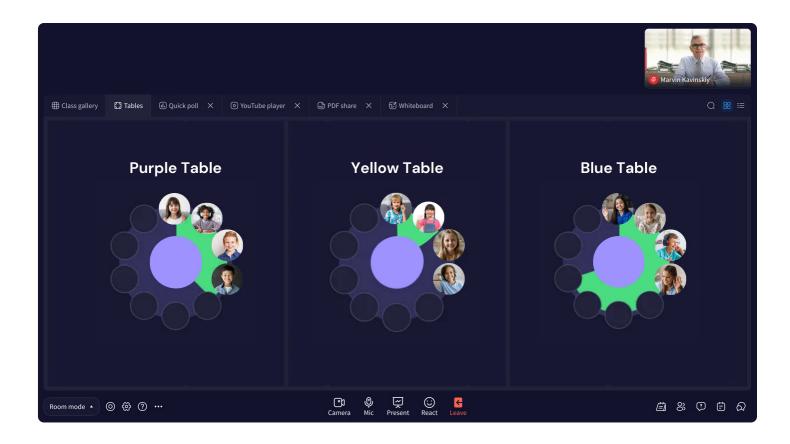


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Effective co-teaching in virtual classrooms requires collaboration and flexible instructional strategies. Engageli makes co-teaching easier by using dynamic table groupings and audio modes to support differentiated instruction and active student engagement.

Best practices for online co-teaching

- **Establish clear roles.** Define each teacher's responsibilities before the session to ensure smooth transitions and maximize instructional effectiveness.
- Use table groupings wisely. Engageli's tables function like mini-classrooms, allowing teachers to provide targeted support. Leverage table and room audio to match the teaching model.
- **Monitor student engagement.** Use live engagement markers, table chats, and polls to gauge understanding and adjust instruction in the moment.
- **Encourage interaction.** Maximize student participation by rotating teaching responsibilities, incorporating collaborative activities, and using private chats for one-on-one support.
- **Make full use of your classroom technology.** Use Engageli's multi-teacher setup, audio modes, gallery view, and polling features to create an inclusive and responsive learning environment.



Co-teaching models in Engageli

Alternative teaching

Personalized small-group instruction

One teacher delivers the core lesson to the majority of the students at a main table (for example, 20 students), while the other teacher works with a smaller group at a separate table (for example, 5 students) to provide additional support, modified instruction, or enrichment. Using table mode audio, each group can engage in discussions without interfering with the other.

One teach, one assist

Real-time individual support

While one teacher leads the full-group lesson from Engageli's podium, the second teacher provides individualized support by assisting students privately via chat. This approach allows students to ask for help discreetly while maintaining the flow of instruction. Room mode audio ensures that the main lesson remains uninterrupted.

One teach, one observe

Data-driven instructional adjustments

One teacher leads the lesson from the podium while the other observes student engagement by monitoring table chats, watching the gallery video feed for reactions, and tracking live engagement markers. This data helps identify students who may need additional support, allowing for timely intervention. Room mode audio allows the observing teacher to stay connected without disrupting the instruction.

Parallel teaching

Simultaneous instruction for smaller groups

The class is divided into two equal groups, with each teacher delivering the same content simultaneously in different virtual tables. This method reduces group size, encourages participation, and allows for more direct student interaction. Table mode audio keeps discussions focused within each group.







Station teaching

Hands-on, rotational learning

Students rotate through three or more stations, each offering a different approach to the same content. Teachers and TAs move between tables to guide discussions, reinforce concepts, and provide direct instruction. Table mode audio supports independent work while enabling teachers to interact with students as they rotate through each station.

Team teaching

Fully collaborative, dynamic instruction

Both teachers actively teach the entire class together, alternating leadership or engaging in discussion-based instruction. With two teachers on the podium at any time and TAs available to support, students benefit from multiple teaching styles and perspectives. Room mode audio ensures clear communication between instructors and students.

The benefits of co-teaching in online K-12 classrooms

Co-teaching makes online learning more effective by bringing in multiple perspectives, personalized instruction, and real-time student support. With the right strategies, educators can create a more engaging and inclusive virtual classroom where every student stays actively involved.

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