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Why Co-Teaching?



Addressing Diverse Learning Needs:

Two teachers can cater to a wider range of student abilities and learning styles within a single classroom.

Improved Engagement and Achievement:

Research indicates that co-teaching can lead to increased student participation, improved understanding of concepts, and higher academic achievement for all students.

Professional Development Opportunity:

Co-teaching fosters collaboration and professional growth among teachers, allowing them to share best practices and learn from each other's expertise.

*Research from US Dept of Education, Illinois Research Center and HanoverResearch.com

Why now? Why Sophomore year?



•Reality Check findings (*24-25 RoadMap data) indicates that Sophomore Math content becomes more complex, and students tend to struggle more in 10th grade, as reflected in declining grades, attendance, and engagement

•9th grade students receive extensive support at the FC and FA -10th grade students are often expected to navigate challenges more independently

•Opportunity to intervene meaningfully during Tier 1 in the classroom

Co-Teaching Pilot

To better support all learners, we launched a small co-teaching pilot to explore how collaborative teaching can improve access to grade-level math content. Our goal is to gather evidence on student outcomes and instructional impact, with the hope of expanding this model district-wide.

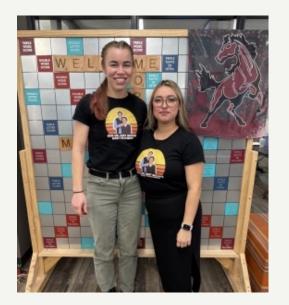


Who is involved in the pilot?

Morton West Integrated Math I Core Dan Fordney & Steve Miller



Morton East Integrated Math II Core Sarah Schoel & Erica Coss





Common Assessment Data



Unit 4	Skill 1	Skill 2	Skill 3
Co-Teaching West	2	2.48	2.8
Miller P5 (No Co-Teaching)	1.7	2.3	1.4
Teacher 1 P1	1.4	2.8	1.4
Teacher 1 P3	1.5	2.8	1.8
Teacher 1 P6	1.4	2.1	1.4

Unit 4	Skill 1	Skill 2	Skill 3
Co-Teaching East Period 5	4.3	3.1	
Co-Teaching East Period 6	3.7	3.03	
NO Co-Teaching Period 7	3.9	3	
Teacher 1 P6	2.9	2.7	
Teacher 1 P7	1.9	2.2	
Teacher 2 ELL Period 3	3.8	2.9	
Teacher 2 ELL Period 4	3.5	2.2	
Teacher 2 ELL Period 5	4	2.4	
Teacher 2 ELL Period 7			

SKILL1

Mathematical Representations SKILL 2

Simplify, Solve and Evaluate SKILL 3

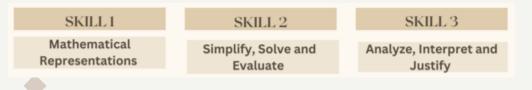
Analyze, Interpret and Justify

Common Assessment Data cont...



WEST			
Unit 5	Skill 1	Skill 2	Skill 3
Co-Teaching West	3.4	3.6	
Miller P5 (No Co-Teaching)	3.2	3.5	
Teacher 1 P1	2.7	2.3	
Teacher 1 P3	2.9	2.5	
Teacher 1 P6	2.8	2.5	

EAST			
Unit 6	Skill 1	Skill 2	Skill 3
Co-Teaching East Period 5	3.8		3.4
Co-Teaching East Period 6	3.6		3.2
NO Co-Teaching Period 7	3.4		3.1
Teacher 1 P6	3.2		3.5
Teacher 1 P7	3.5		3.5
Teacher 2 ELL Period 3	2.5		3
Teacher 2 ELL Period 4	1.7		2.5
Teacher 2 ELL Period 5	2.9		3.1
Teacher 2 ELL Period 7	2.7		2.9



Common Assessment Data cont...



EAST			
Unit 7	Skill 1	Skill 2	Skill 3
Co-Teaching East Period 5		3.5	4.8
Co-Teaching East Period 6		3.5	4.7
NO Co-Teaching Period 7		4.1	3.4
Teacher 1 P6		3.9	3.6
Teacher 1 P7		3.6	3.9
Teacher 2 ELL Period 3		2.2	4.1
Teacher 2 ELL Period 4		2.3	4.2
Teacher 2 ELL Period 5		2.3	3
Teacher 2 ELL Period 7		3	4.5

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Pre-ACT Assessment Data



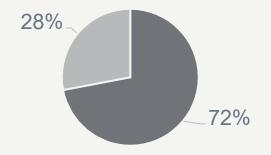
Group	Avg Fall Score	Avg Spring Scor	Avg Growth
Schoel Per 5	14.89	15.08	0.24
Schoel Per 6	14.80	15.45	0.68
Schoel Per 5 & 6	14.85	15.26	0.45
East Core 10th	14.30	14.73	0.43
East 10th	15.19	15.54	0.30
West 10th	15.78	15.94	0.15
District 10th	15.43	15.72	0.24

Findings from the Co-Teaching Pilot



72% of students reported feeling more supported with TWO teachers than with ONE

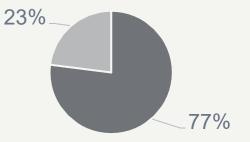




More supported About the same

77% of students reported that having TWO teachers helped them understand the Math better

Understand the Math Better



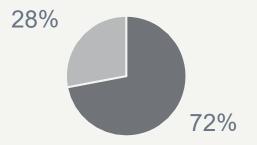
- Helped me understand the Math better
- About the same

Findings from the Co-Teaching Pilot



72% of students were more likely to ask for help with TWO teachers in the room

Asking for help

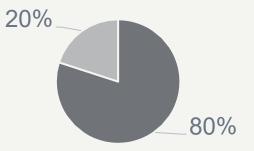


More willing to ask for hep

About the same

80% of students reported that coteaching helped with managing distractions, behavior, or staying focused

Managing Distractions



Helped with managing distractions

About the same



"Now that the material has become more challenging (e.g., less overlap with middle school topics), our co-teaching Int 1 class is outperforming my regular class by a lot. I suppose that's not surprising. Co-teaching seems most advantageous for difficult topics." - Steve Miller (Morton West)

"I would definitely agree with Steve. My 3rd and 7th period are both very strong classes, but our coteaching classes are outperforming them by the sheer amount of students that are earning A's and B's." -Sarah Schoel (Morton East) Financial Information for Co-Teaching To build co-teaching into the *Math Department on a Sophomore level*



Based off our section numbers, the increase in FTE for Integrated Math II Core Co-Teaching would be projected at – **1.6 FTE Districtwide**

This would cost the district approximately - \$144,000 salary/benefits

Other Financial Needs



Professional Development Costs:

Funding for co-teaching training and ongoing professional development opportunities for teachers.

Classroom Materials:

Allocation for additional instructional materials and technology tools to support co-teaching instruction.

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Positive Impact of Co-Teaching

For Students:

- Increased access to instruction
- Greater confidence and classroom participation
- Targeted skill-building and personalized support

For Teachers:

- Opportunities for meaningful collaboration
- Ongoing professional learning
- Enhanced instructional practices

Key Outcomes:

- Increased state standardized test performance
- Improved formative & summative assessment results
- Reduced course failure rates
- Stronger student-teacher relationships





