

Dear Secondary Principal,

The Special Education Department is offering professional development to support co-teaching instruction. Research indicates that students with disabilities that receive core specially designed instruction by expert teachers in general education classes have better learning outcomes and higher proficiency on state assessments.

The 2022-2023 Co-teaching Professional Development will consist of:

- A commitment by the school administrator and co-teaching teams to participate in a 2 two-year co-teaching professional development cohort
- Year 1 will include 4 full-day professional development days throughout the school year. The professional development dates for the 2022-23 school year are: **September 15, November 10, January 25, and March 16.**
- Year 2 will also include 4 full-day professional development days as well. The professional development dates for the 2022-23 school year are: **September 22, November 17, February 2, and March 16.**
- Substitute costs for both teachers will be paid for by Special Education using budget 1292.
- The PD will focus on the use of co-teaching models, the roles and responsibilities for co-teachers, Universal Design for Learning (UDL), specially designed instruction, facilitated planning and coaching, and evidence-based practices Language Arts and Math to support instruction in general education settings.
- Observations and coaching will be conducted onsite or via digital recording.

Interested schools will need to submit the attached application no later than **September 2, 2022** to Tammy Rajczyk. The co-teaching cohort will be capped at 13 teams/26 individuals. A signature on the completed application indicates that the principal is committed to supporting the teachers' commitments in the co-teaching PD described above.

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