

TABLE 15.1

20 Ideas for Parallel Teaching Lessons

1. Two teachers teach the same content.
2. Two teachers teach the same content using different materials (e.g., one group uses assistive technology to accommodate students with disabilities).
3. Two teachers assess students using the same tools or instruments.
4. Two teachers assess students using two different tools or instruments (based on student needs and abilities).
5. Two teachers assess students using two different tools or instruments; groups then switch so that both groups are assessed in two different ways.
6. Two teachers teach different but related content (e.g., mitosis/meiosis; Axis Powers/Allied Forces; circle graphs/bar graphs); groups then switch.
7. Two teachers teach different but related content; students then pair up to teach the new material to one another.
8. Two teachers teach different but related content, groups then come back together and engage in a whole-class discussion.
9. Two teachers lead a discussion on the same topic.
10. Two teachers lead discussions on different but related topics; groups then switch.
11. Two teachers lead discussions on different but related topics; groups then come back together and engage in a whole-class discussion.
12. One teacher teaches a lesson and the other lets students explore hands-on materials, artifacts or manipulatives that may be in limited supply (e.g., rocks and minerals); groups then switch.
13. One teacher teaches a lesson and the other lets students access technology tools that may be in limited supply (e.g., tablets, heart monitors, microscopes); groups then switch.
14. One teacher teaches a lesson and the other teacher creates a product with students (e.g., mini-movie, screenplay, sculpture, DNA model); groups then switch.
15. One teacher teaches a lesson and the other conducts a review session; groups then switch.
16. One teacher teaches a lesson and the other engages in a demonstration; groups then switch.
17. One teacher teaches a lesson and the other conducts a formal or informal assessment (e.g., focus group); groups then switch.
18. One teacher teaches a lesson and the other takes students on an in-school "field trip" (e.g., library, school garden); groups then switch.
19. Two teachers conduct the same experiment, demonstration or skit.
20. Two teachers conduct related experiments, demonstrations or skits; groups then switch.