



## TEAM-TEACHING – THE POWER OF TWO

Context: team-teaching in multistage and/or integrative classes

Key-words: collaboration, shared responsibility, attitudes, benefits and challenges

### Arrangements between team-teachers

- to share work equitably
- to plan instructions together
- to respect the opinion of each team-teacher
- to be open-minded for new ideas
- to appear as an authentic team

### Attitudes of team-teachers

- all team-teachers are equal
- directness, correctness and honesty are major components
- everyone effects his/her best performance

### Benefits and challenges of team-teaching for team-teachers

benefits	challenges
+ two professional opinions	- in face of aversion you still have to work with your team-teacher
+ mutual guidance	- different opinions may cause conflicts
+ class management is easier to handle	- teacher needs more time for preparation
+ enhances individual knowledge base	
+ evokes more chances for differentiated instructions	



Benefits and challenges of team-teaching for pupils

benefits	challenges
+ more quality-time for each pupil	- pupils may play off one teacher against the other
+ learn to relate to more than one teacher	
+ grades are more transparent	
+ two positive examples of adults	
+ develops respect for differences	

Conclusions

Mutual trust between team-teacher is required for gainful team-teaching.

Team-teaching is a really powerful and fulfilling way of teaching. There are more benefits than challenges.

I feel really assured and professional in our team and can't imagine any other type of teaching.