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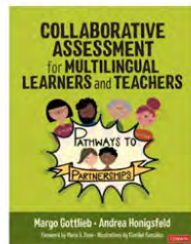


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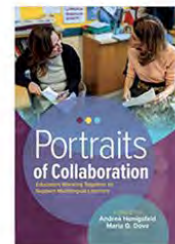
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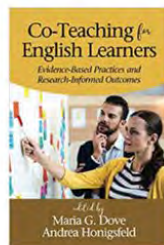
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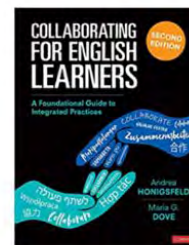
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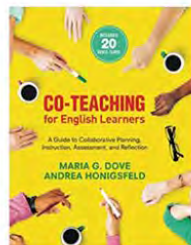
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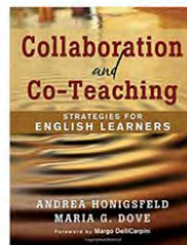
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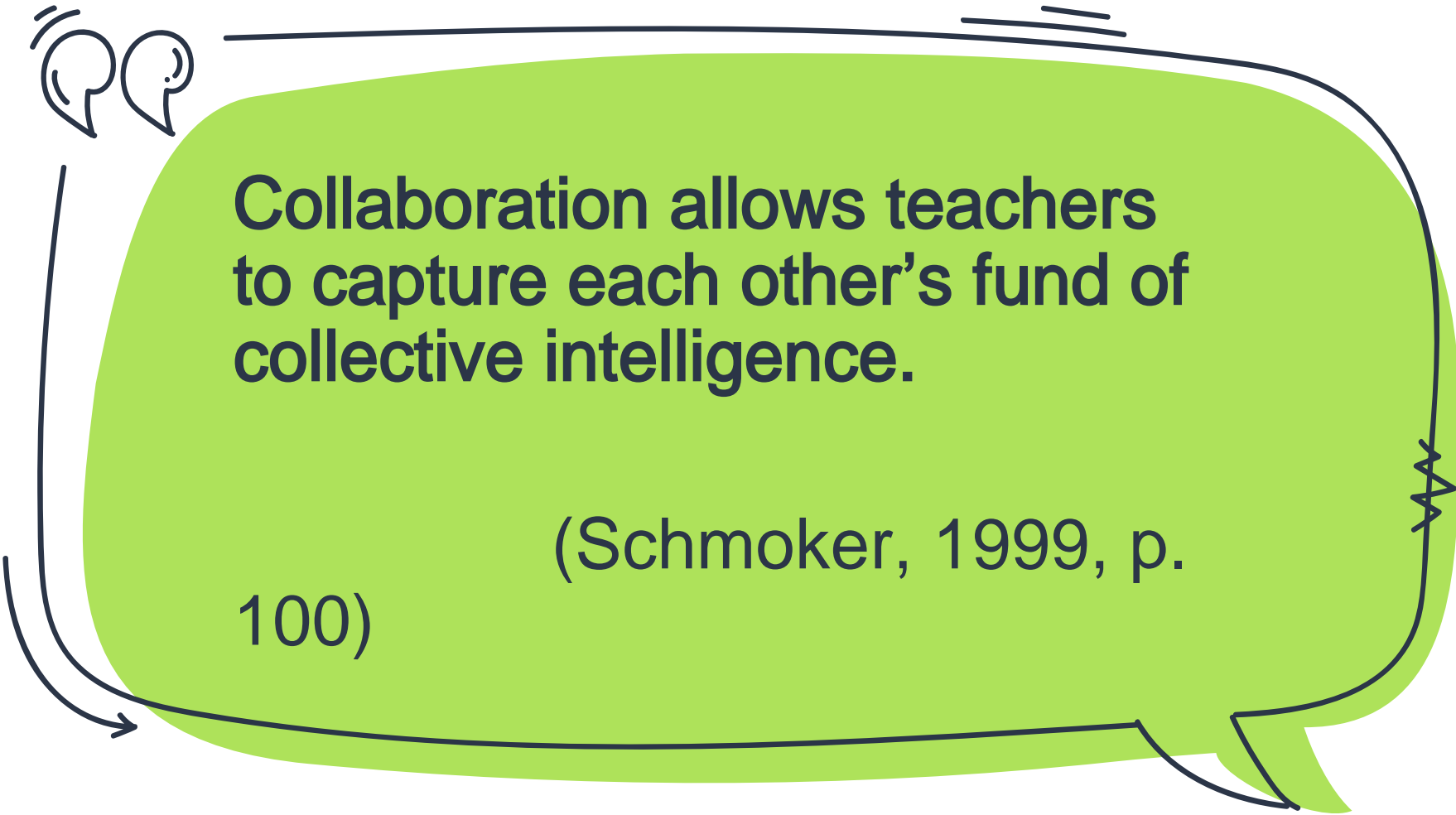


## Overarching Goal:

To create more cohesive school communities for all learners







**Collaboration allows teachers  
to capture each other's fund of  
collective intelligence.**

(Schmoker, 1999, p.  
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## Objectives:

to engage in critical reflections about teacher collaboration and co-assessment

to explore a tri-part approach to collaborative assessment

to enhance the implementation of existing collaborative practices that maximizes educators' expertise.

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- energy
- systems
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- passion
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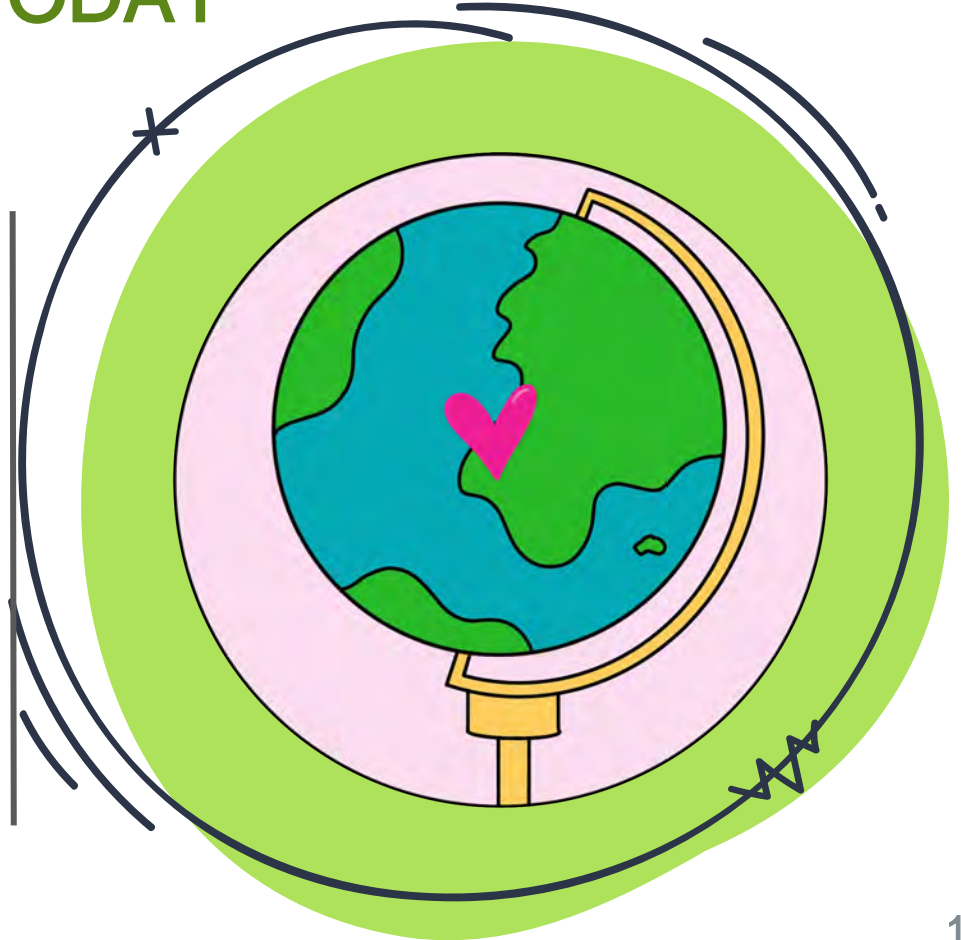
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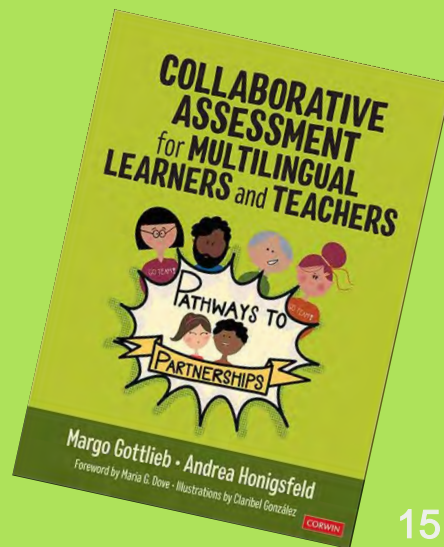


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# Book Tour



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### Where Are We Going?

We launch each chapter with a brief visit to the sprawling Katherine Johnson campus with its elementary, middle, and high school. As each section opening question suggests, we want you to get oriented to the topic of the chapter by meeting different educator teams and witnessing a typical scenario or conversation that takes place on campus. The vignettes offer a unique context for each chapter while making the content readily accessible and relatable.

There are two subsections here to aid in our exploration; first, under **Finding Our Way**, we elaborate on the introductory vignette, and then under **Considering Our Options**, we offer alternatives or extensions to our discussion that you may wish to pursue.



### How Will We Get There?

The purpose of the next major section is to establish the goals of the chapter and, just as a GPS does, to map out possible routes to follow.



### Why Is/Are [ ] Important In Our Journey?

The first thing you might notice in the section heading is that there is a placeholder; it indicates that the title is going to change based on the topic we are exploring. Here our aim is to establish a rationale for the chapter and make a strong case for our recommendations. In that way, you can readily communicate the vision of and the know-how for collaborative assessment to others.

Under **Educator Promises**, you will find a brief introduction followed by a list of promises associated with collaborative assessment practices between students, students and teachers, and teachers that we hope you also embrace. These promises relate our hopes for multilingual learners and their teachers in enacting the instructional and assessment cycles.



### How Should We Prepare for [ ]?

Before we set out on a journey, we need to be well informed and well prepared, so we usually hop on the internet and search for some information. In this section, we offer a detailed description of the topic (where we fill in the blank) and we address what is entailed in classroom implementation.

### What Are Some Caveats/Challenges Along the Way?

We do not shy away from obstacles and roadblocks, nor do we want to pretend that there are no unforeseen difficulties along the way. So here we discuss the challenges that we have observed—and you can anticipate—connected to the topic of the chapter. We also offer suggestions for how you might circumvent some of the warning signs.

### What Do We Need to Pack?

The journey we are taking you on requires careful preparation and lots of tools and techniques. Here we present practical strategies and resources that you can readily adopt or adapt to your own local needs and contexts. Additionally, we share some resources we hope you find useful in your collaborative assessment journey.

Periodically throughout the chapters, we employ two additional features to reinforce the concepts we introduce.

The first, the compass, reminds us of the importance of relying on research and evidence-based best practices. Look for the inserts where we present key research findings or citations that further support our claims and guide our thinking.

The second additional feature, the pit stop icon, invites you to take a short break on your journey with us, process the information we have presented, and reflect on its relevance, usefulness, and applicability to your own context.

### Which Pathways Should We Take?

When we travel, we often find many roads in front of us; at times, perhaps, it may seem as if there are even too many paths to choose from! In this section, we recognize and present alternative choices for collaborative assessment as you follow the topic at hand. Here our intent is to guide you and your students in making the most appropriate decisions in choosing the trails you wish to take.

### What Should We Do Before Leaving This Stop?

When seeing this icon, you are ready to look back to where you have been on this journey and think back on your successes (and challenges). As we wrap up the chapter, we summarize the key take-aways so you are not too bogged down with luggage.



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Figure 2.4 Example of a Collaborative Assessment Protocol

TASK, STANDARD, AND ACADEMIC LANGUAGE EXPECTATIONS	
<p>Step 1: Describe the student, the task, standards, and the academic language focus (1–2 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Why did you select that particular student to focus on?</li><li>• What strategies have you tried so far?</li><li>• What are you hoping to get help with for this student?</li></ul>	
<p>STEP 2: Others ask clarifying questions about the student, task, WIDA English Language Development standards, and academic language (1–2 mins)</p>	
<p>STEP 3: Presenter shares evidence of student learning: things a student CAN DO at this time in relation to the standards and task along with things that student is challenged by (3 mins)</p> <p>What evidence of the standards do you see in the student work?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• At this time, the student is able to . . .</li><li>• The student is not able to . . . YET</li></ul>	
<p>STEP 4: Partner/Others ask probing questions about the student; try hard to avoid suggestions (2 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What approaches have been the most impactful so far?</li><li>• In your opinion, what is the most important challenge for the student for growing in this area?</li></ul>	

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Figure 2.10 Summary of Assessment Approaches With Associated Teacher Actions and Example Tools

ASSESSMENT APPROACHES	COLLABORATIVE PRACTICES	EXAMPLE TOOLS
Assessment AS Learning	<p>Inviting students to engage in self- and peer assessment</p> <p>Guiding students to self-monitor learning</p> <p>Encouraging students to take responsibility for their work and develop independence</p> <p>Helping students to document their growth and show evidence for learning</p> <p>Creating opportunities for peer feedback based on agreed-upon criteria for success</p> <p>Advancing students' learning by describing their own learning processes, strengths, and next steps</p>	<p>Utilized by students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peer-editing checklists</li> <li>• Learning logs from different content areas</li> <li>• Interactive journals</li> <li>• Self-reflection tools</li> </ul>
Assessment FOR Learning	<p>Coconstructing success criteria with students carefully aligned to learning goals and targets</p> <p>Cocreating a menu of classroom assessment tasks that encourage student choice</p> <p>Determining assessment data collection methods within instruction</p> <p>Using data to give feedback to each other and plan/revise instruction</p>	<p>Utilized by students and teachers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graphic organizers</li> <li>• Checklists</li> <li>• Templates for goal setting and criteria for success</li> <li>• Multimodal choices for showing evidence for learning</li> <li>• Action research with embedded reflection tools</li> </ul>
Assessment OF Learning	<p>Reviewing and updating student portraits with end-of-unit data</p> <p>Reviewing unit goals in relation to desired outcomes</p> <p>Considering the correspondence among standards, instruction, and assessment</p>	<p>Utilized by administrators and school leaders and teachers with input from students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student score reports from annual and interim tests communicated to families and caregivers in multiple languages</li> <li>• Information in student portraits</li> <li>• Grade-level, school, and district rubrics (e.g., from common assessment)</li> <li>• School or district student portfolios with selected entries</li> </ul>

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One Assessment Tool  
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One Recurring Feature  
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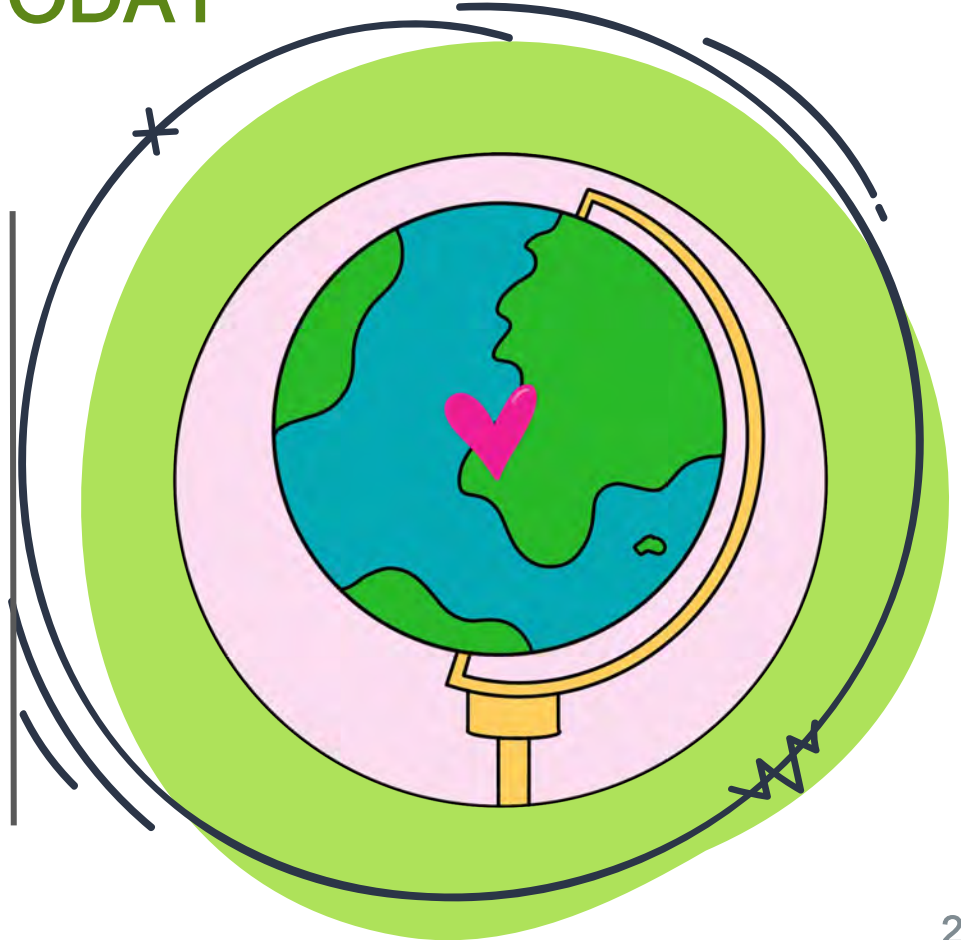
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# Pathways to collaboratively assess Learning

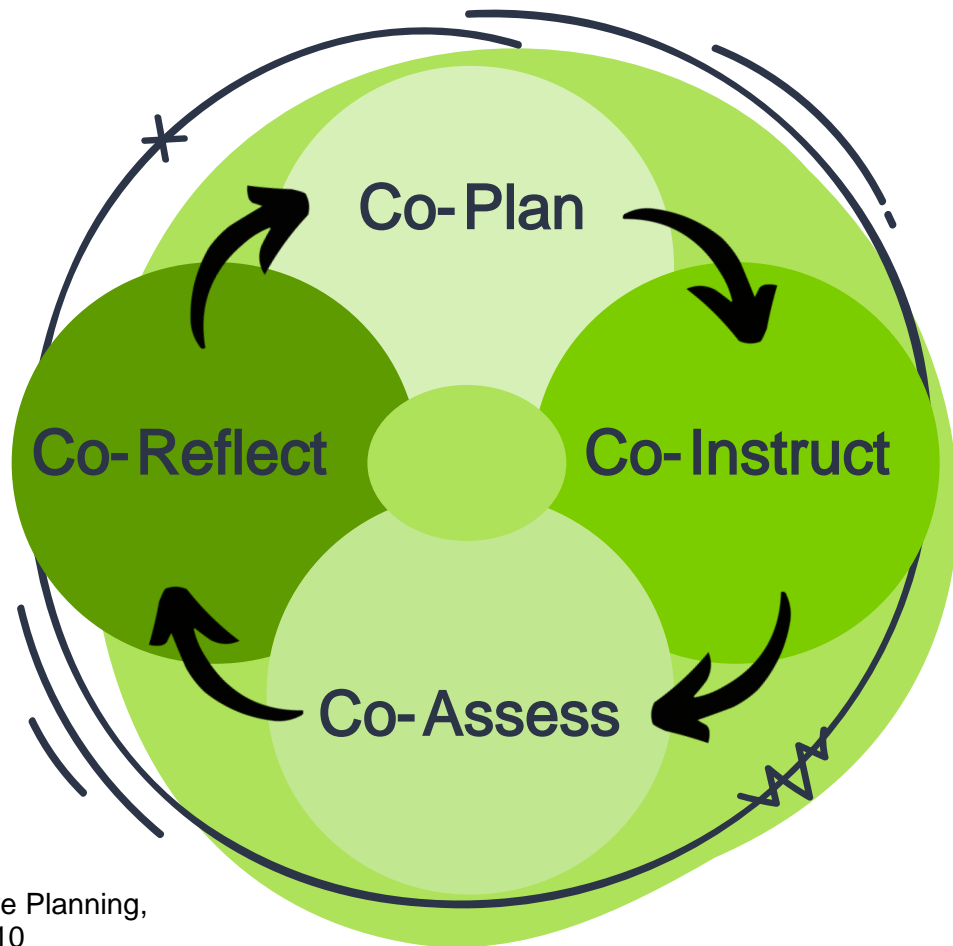
What should this look like in practice?



## Which Common Co -Assessment Practices Resonate with you?

1. Co-create assessment tools
2. Co-monitor student progress
3. Co-examine evidence of student learning
4. Co-determine next steps

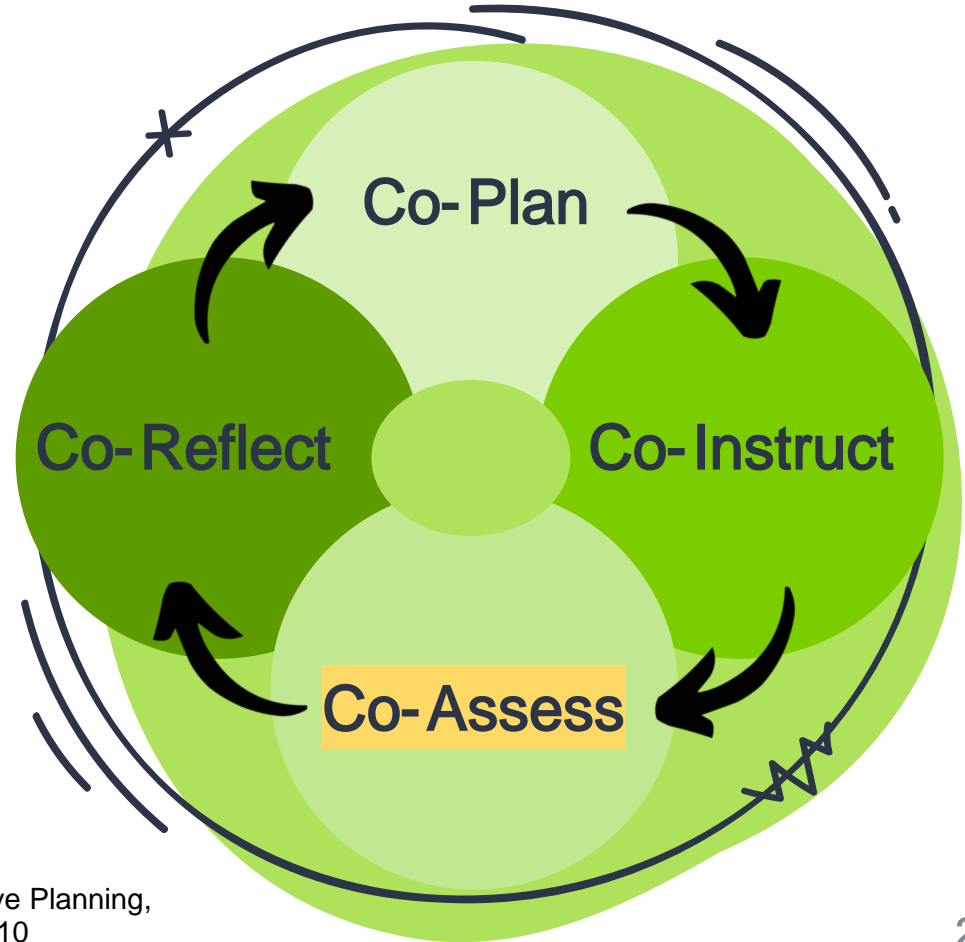
# The essential components of the collaborative instructional cycle



From “*Co-Teaching for English Learners - A Guide to Collaborative Planning, Instruction, Assessment and Reflection*” by Andrea Honigsfeld, p. 10



# Where does co - assessment fit?



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# COLLABORATION:

Working Together to Serve Multilingual Learners

Collaboration is one of the four Big Ideas of the WIDA English Language Development Standards, 2020 Edition.

These four Big Ideas anchor the standards and are interwoven throughout the document:

1. Equity for Multilingual Learners
2. Teach Language and Content Together
3. Functional Approach to Language
4. Collaboration Among Stakeholders

A new set of comprehensive resources will replace earlier standards-related publications from 2007 and 2012. Look for them soon at [wida.wisc.edu/teach/standards/eld](http://wida.wisc.edu/teach/standards/eld)



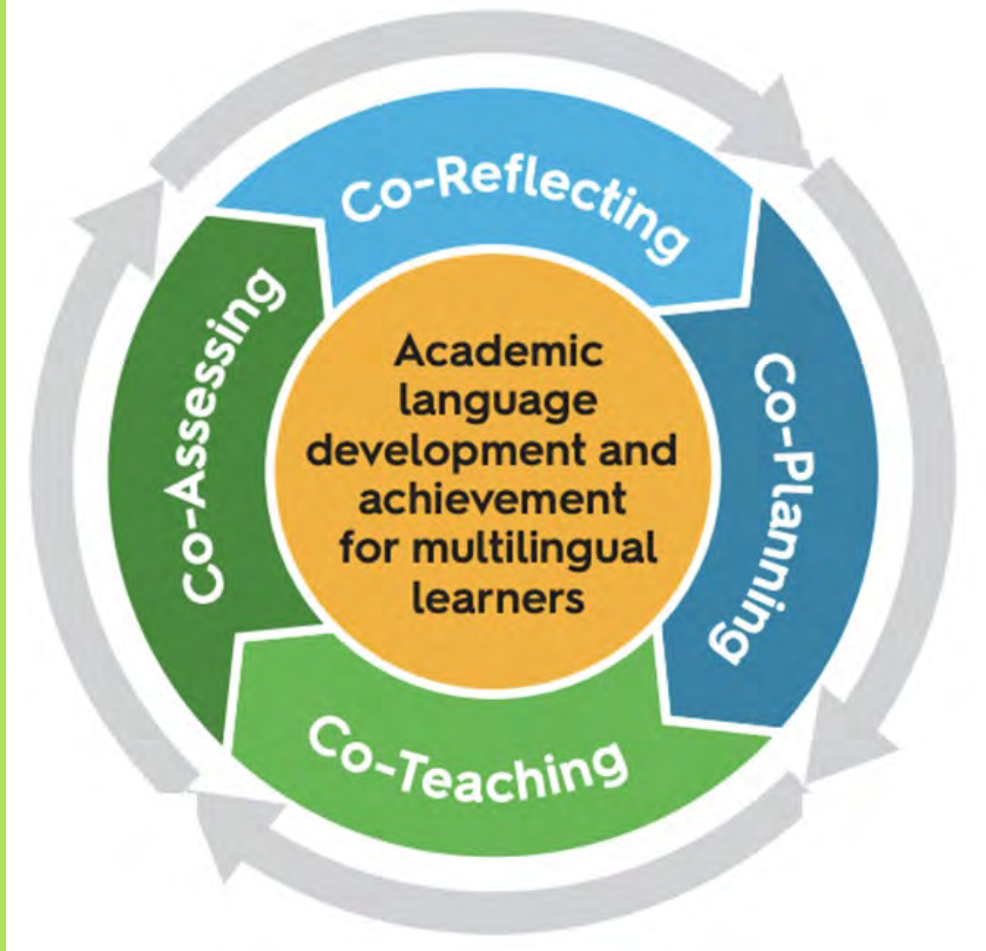
In an 8th grade English language arts class at Northwood Middle School, co-teachers Linda Kahn, Lisa Petite, and Kristen Douglass engage in a highly integrated and collaborative approach to teaching. Through thoughtful planning and teamwork, this co-teaching triad is able to design direct instruction lessons that engage students and various learning structures. The teaching roles are shared throughout any given lesson, with Ms. Petite leading an introduction and then all three teachers seamlessly working with smaller groups and reinforcing skills. As these teachers exchange eye contact, model conversations for students, and flexibly respond to student needs it resembles something like synchronized swimming: harmonious, fluid, and incredibly artistic.

(Lindsey Rose, ELD/Dual Language District Director, District #12, IL)

## Why Collaborate?

Today's schools are more diverse, culturally and linguistically, than ever before—and multilingualism is the new norm. In 21st century classrooms, English proficiency cannot be seen as a prerequisite to meaningful participation in the core curriculum; instead, language must be viewed as something that is developed in the process of learning, when students are supported and have access to the richest curriculum our schools have to offer. Therefore, all teachers need to share responsibility for both engaging all learners in the core curriculum and developing essential language skills. WIDA supports collaboration to serve multilingual learners by

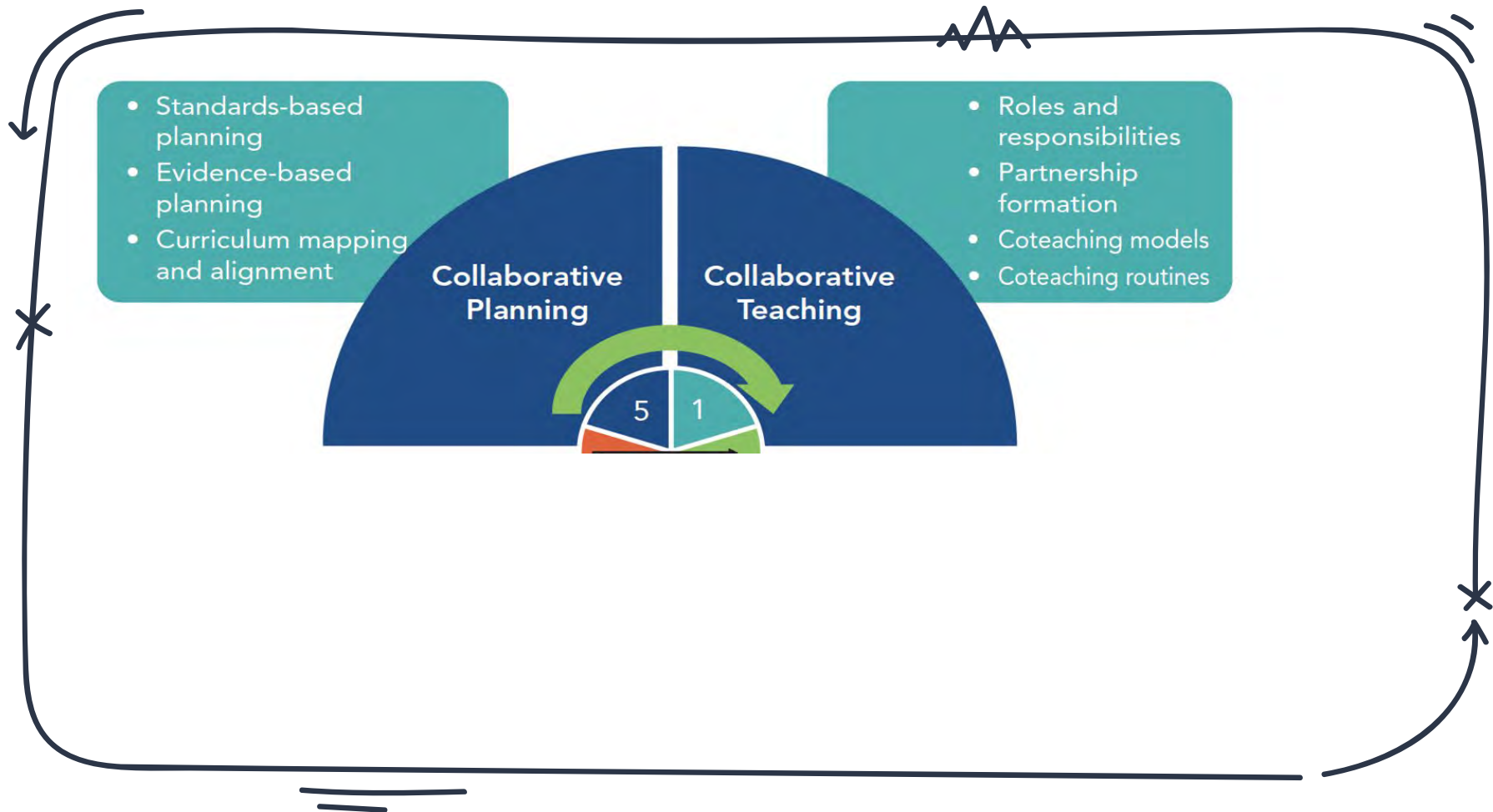
- 1) integrating language and content learning, and
- 2) building on what students and teachers can do.

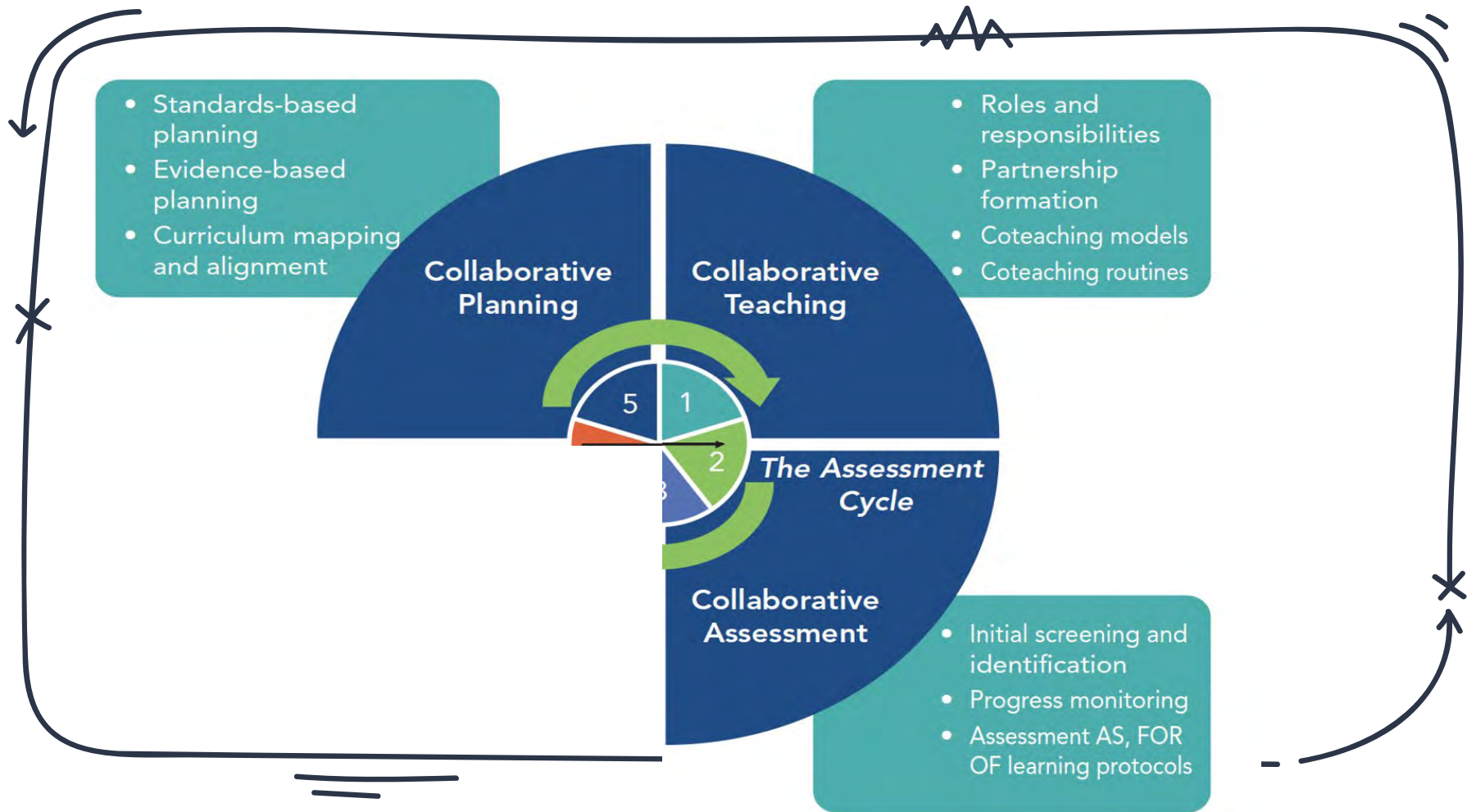


- Standards-based planning
- Evidence-based planning
- Curriculum mapping and alignment

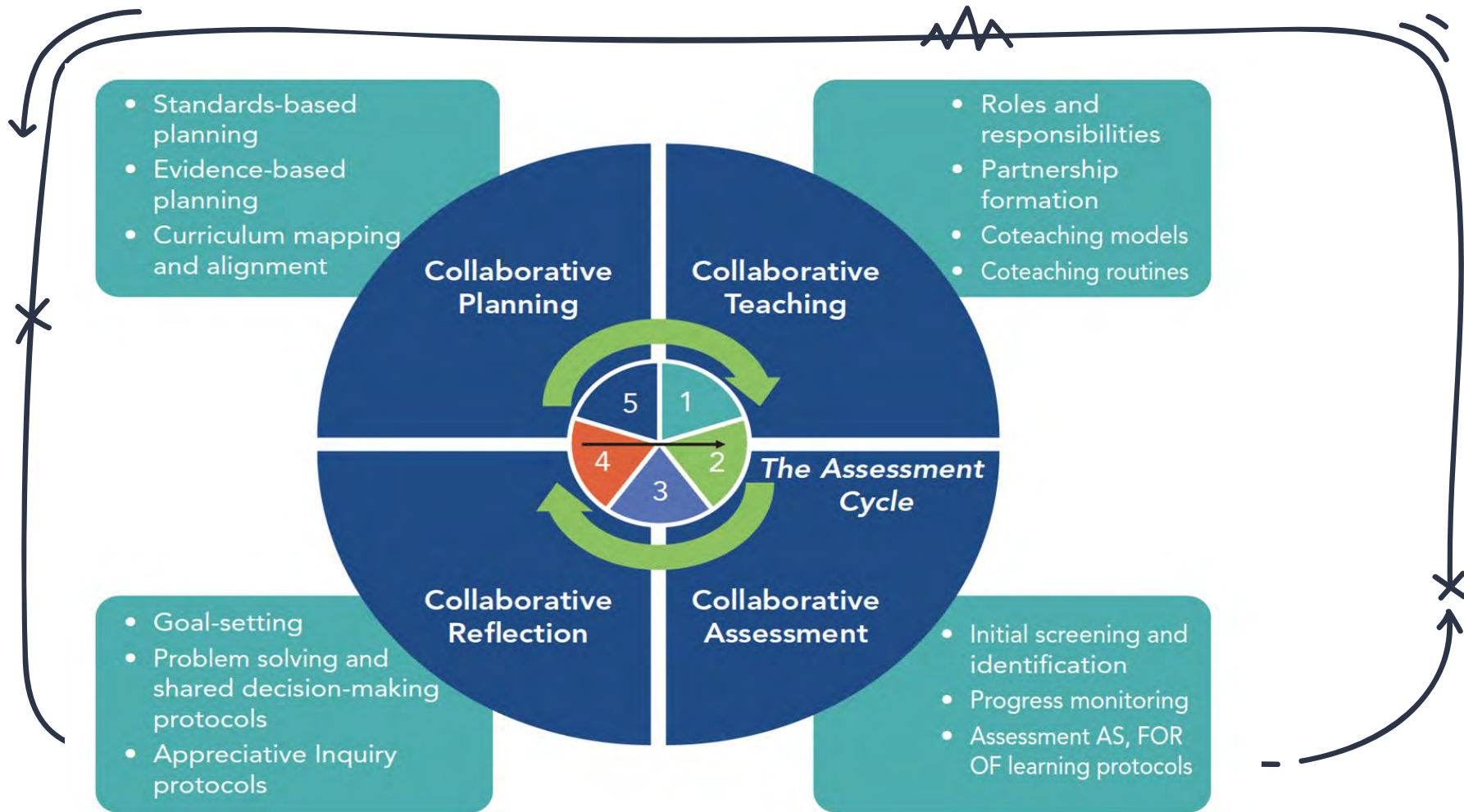
## Collaborative Planning

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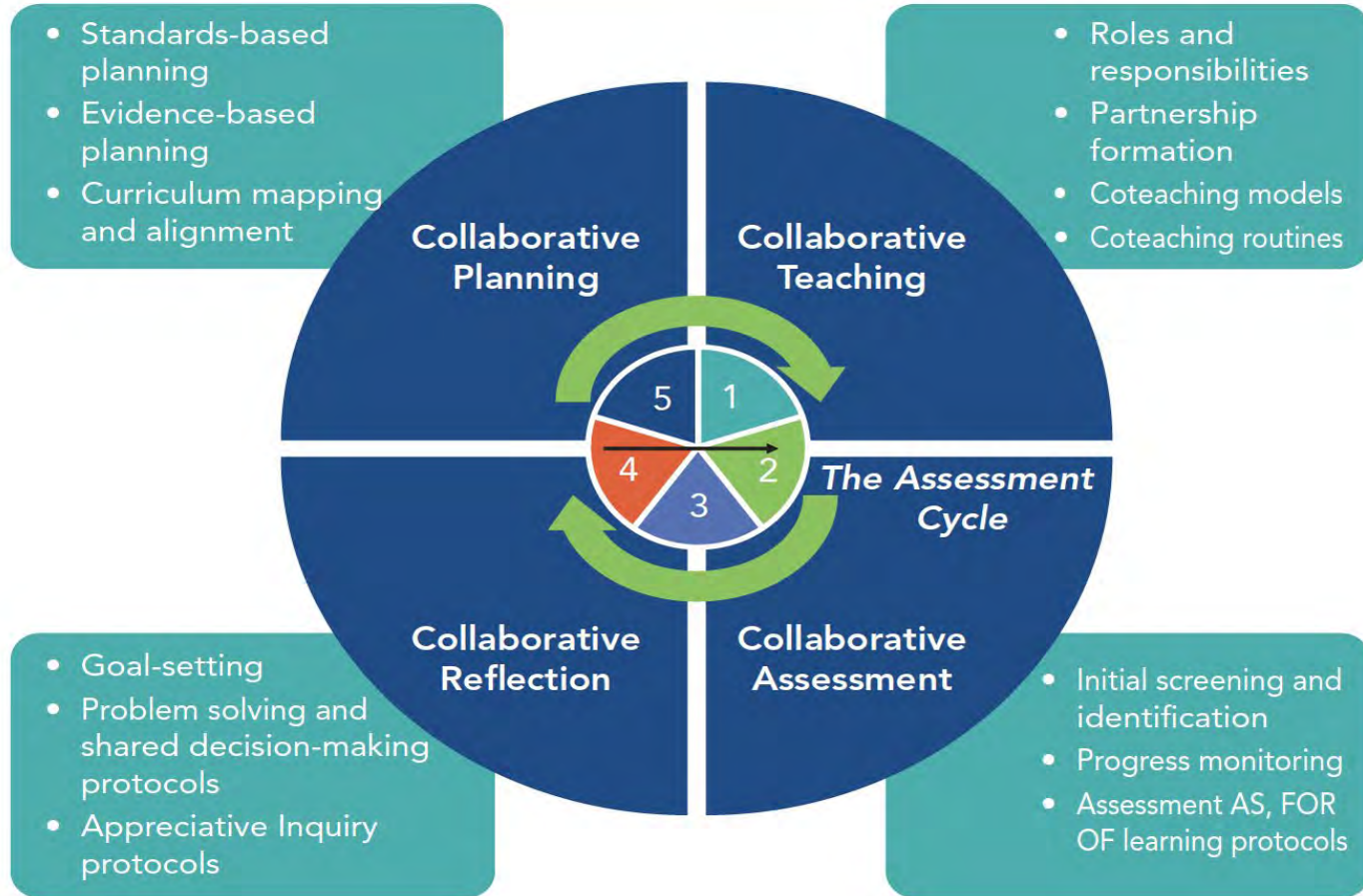








**Figure 2.5 Integrating the Collaborative Instructional and Assessment Cycles**



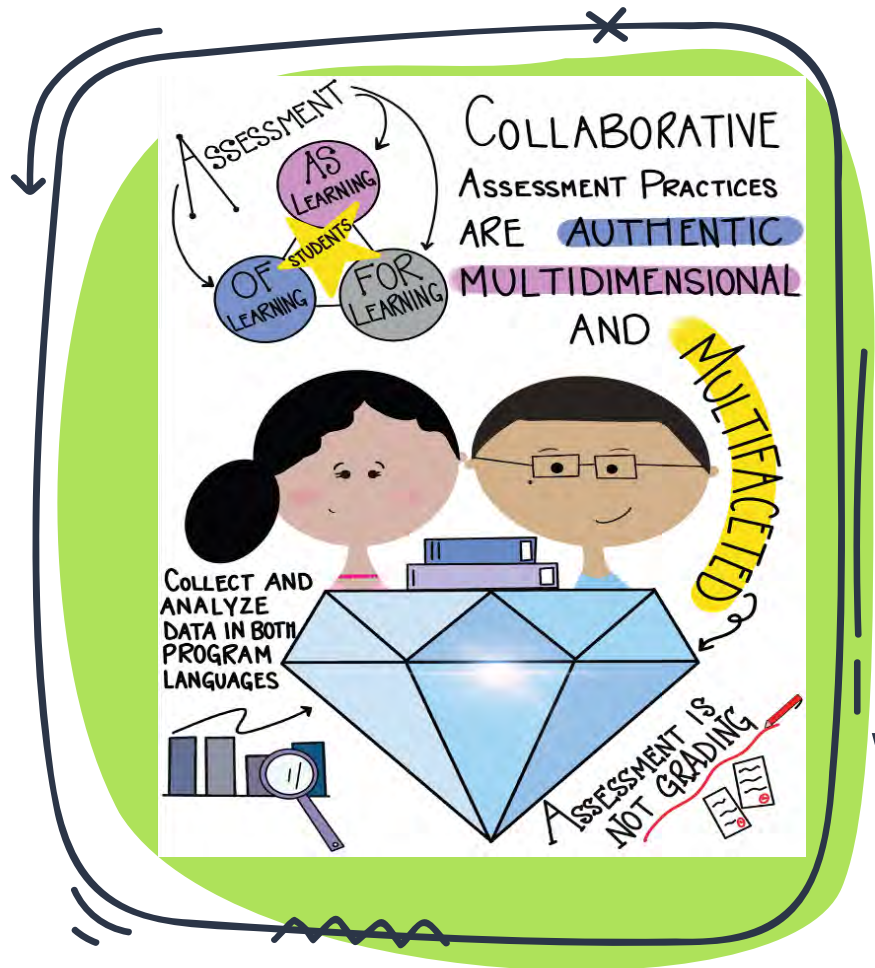
## PHASE OF THE ASSESSMENT CYCLE

1. Planning (co)assessment
2. Collecting and organizing assessment information
3. Interpreting assessment information and providing feedback
4. Evaluating and reporting assessment information
5. Taking action based on assessment results



**Figure 3.3 The Role of Students in Each Phase of the Collaborative Assessment Cycle**

PHASE OF THE ASSESSMENT CYCLE	HOW CAN STUDENTS CONTRIBUTE?
1. Planning (co)assessment	
2. Collecting and organizing assessment information	
3. Interpreting assessment information and providing feedback	
4. Evaluating and reporting assessment information	
5. Taking action based on assessment results	



# Pathways to Collaborative Assessment

When and With Whom /  
How can we collaborat



**when**

- **During the school day**, throughout the classroom instructional cycle
- **During collaborative planning** for lessons and units, as well as quarterly and annual strategic planning sessions
- **During own prep times using technology** to meaningfully enhance communication
- **During** \_\_\_\_\_

# With whom

- **With professional learning communities** (PLCs)
- **With families and students** during parent–teacher, student–teacher, and student–student conferences and conversations
- **With each other** as an integral part of school-based professional development
- **With** \_\_\_\_\_



HOW

### STEPS IN INITIAL DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS

1. Collect evidence for student learning based on agreed-upon learning targets
2. Organize data and prepare for collaborative discussions
3. Identify patterns in student learning
4. Align student needs and interests to upcoming unit goals

**Figure 2.1 An Evidence-Based Coassessment Planning Protocol**

STEPS IN INITIAL DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS	KEY QUESTIONS TO ASK OURSELVES
1. Collect evidence for student learning based on agreed-upon learning targets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How are we assessing both content attainment and language development of our multilingual learners?</li></ul>
2. Organize data and prepare for collaborative discussions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How do we know that our students are successful?</li></ul>
3. Identify patterns in student learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What trends are emerging for different groups of students?</li></ul>
4. Align student needs and interests to upcoming unit goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How do we coplan to ensure all students are growing and making progress?</li><li>• Have we attended to our students' characteristics, including their languages, cultures, and experiences?</li></ul>

HOW



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**assessment tools that f  
students' access to learn  
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**What should this look like in practice?**

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# Assessment, *for and of* learning

# RETHINKING CLASSROOM ASSESSMENT IN COLLABORATION

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**Assessment FOR  
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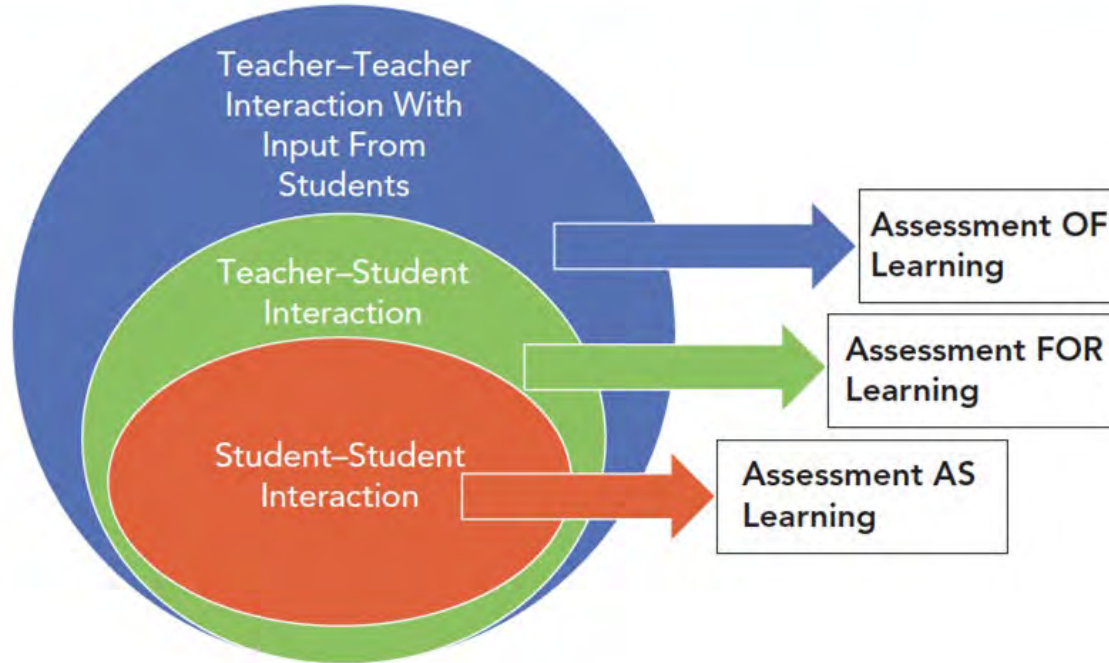


**Assessment OF  
Learning**





**Figure 6.8 A Collaborative System of Relationships Across Assessment AS, FOR, and OF Learning**



# ASSESSMENT AS LEARNING



# ASSESSMENT FOR LEARNING



# ASSESSMENT OF LEARNING





# What is Currently your most common approach to collaborative assessment?

Assessment AS  
Learning



**A**

Assessment FOR  
Learning



**B**

Assessment OF  
Learning



**C**

# Which approach Would You Like to Engage in Mo

Assessment AS  
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Assessment FOR  
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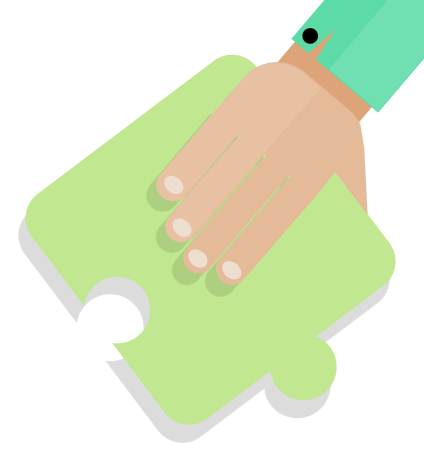


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**deconstructing strategies  
for collaborative assessment  
through shared Leadership**

**What should this look like in practice?**





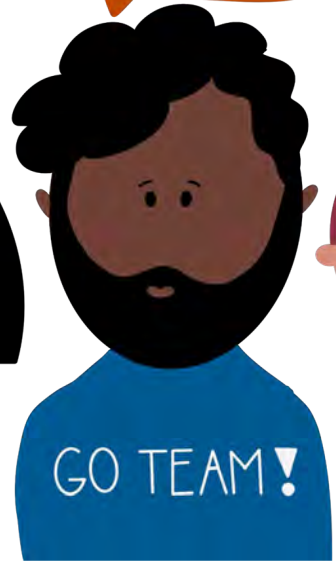
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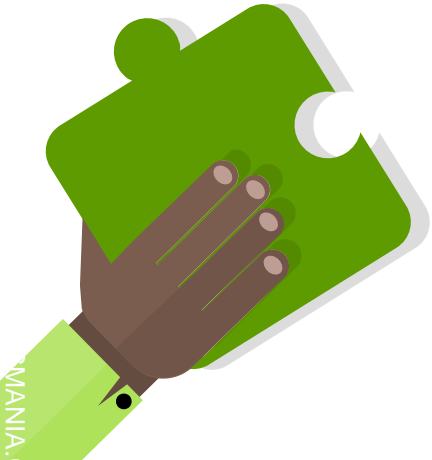
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Because...**

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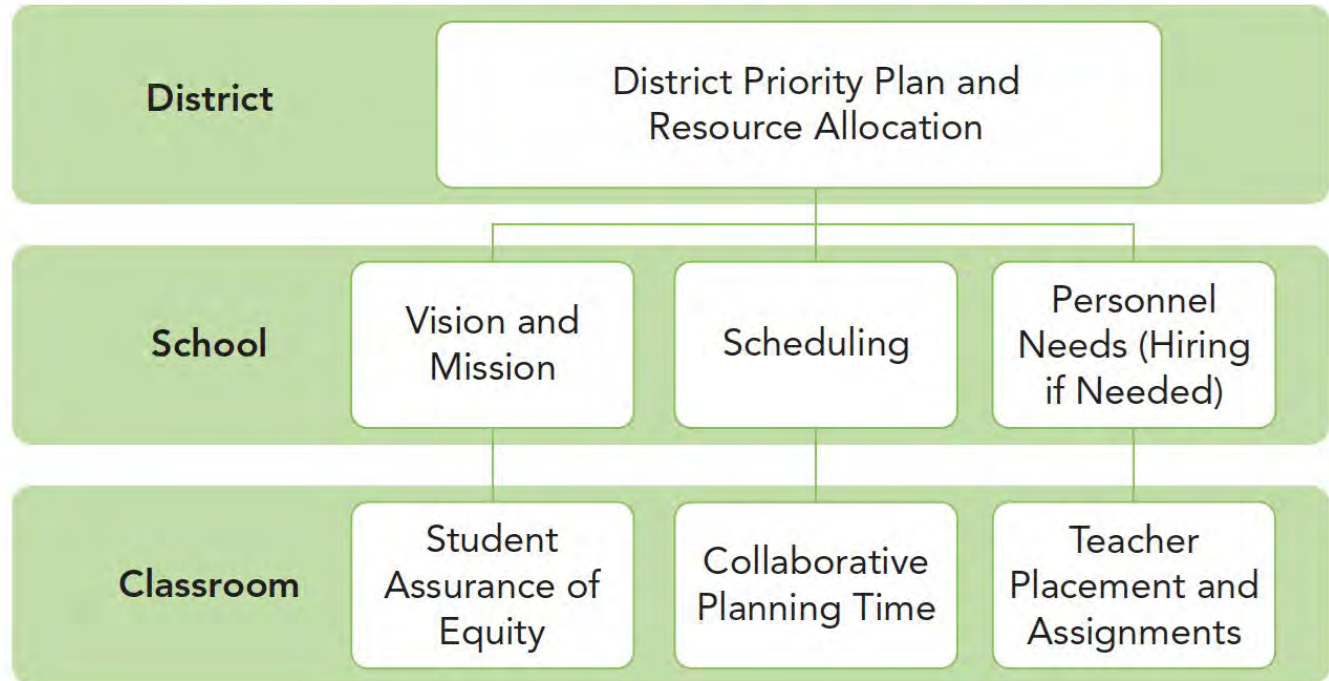
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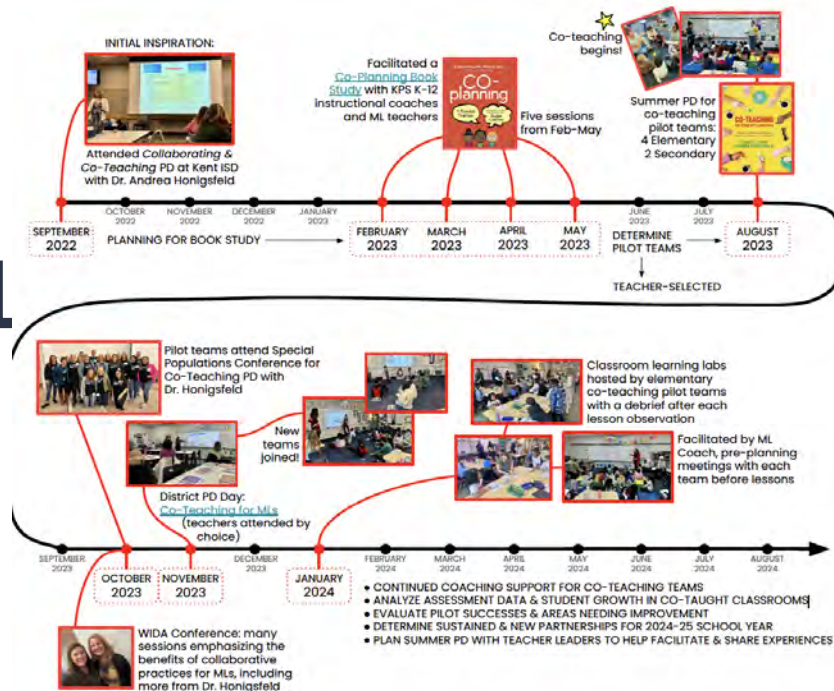
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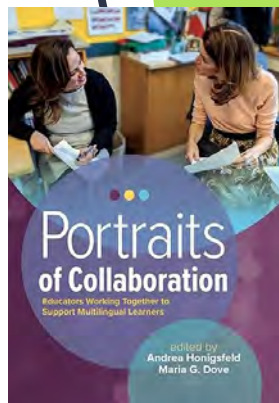
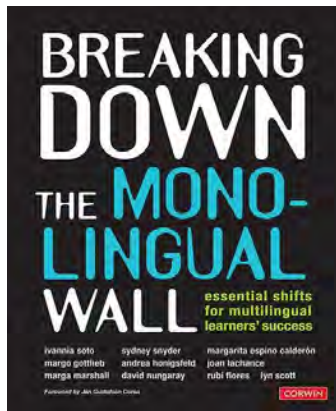
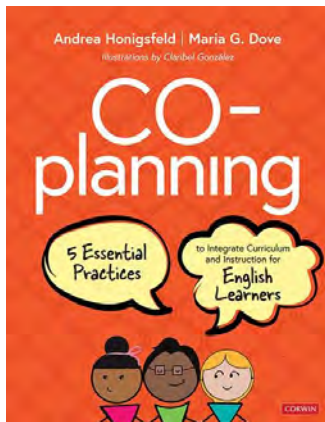
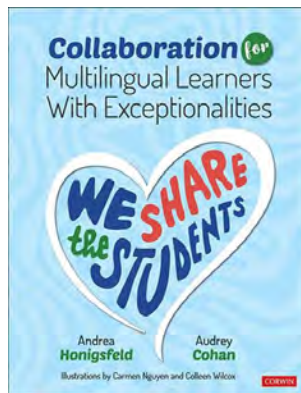
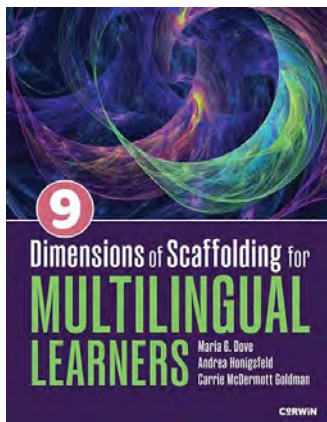
# DISTRICT EXAMPLE

## COLLABORATIVE PRACTICES FOR MULTILINGUAL LEARNERS

### KPS Co-Teaching Pilot for MLs Timeline







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