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Integrating alternative algorithms: possibilities and practices.

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Summary: This article discusses reasons for learning alternative algorithms and the benefits of exposing preservice teachers to alternative algorithms. It presents two alternative multi-digit subtraction algorithm examples, includes perspectives from preservice teachers, and provides strategies for teachers and teacher educators to integrate alternative algorithms in classrooms.

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