

Dedra Stafford is a passionate educator with a belief in the power of positive purposeful teaching. Her goal is to play a small part in helping educators find (and keep) their joy for education while gaining new strategies and skills to reach today's learners. Known as the "Queen of Practical" her easy-to-use implementation ideas get teachers engaged and ready to implement new strategies. The training she provides is centered around research-based best practices and solid pedagogy. Her website is <https://www.dedrastafford.com/>

As an internationally known speaker, trainer and author, Dedra has presented in 3 international schools and over 40 states. She is a former middle level teacher and district professional development specialist K-12 who now consults and provides staff development in best practices centered around a variety of topics including social and emotional learning, growth mindset, instructional strategies, differentiated instruction, technology integration, and teacher motivation.

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