## Setting Up for a Successful Year: Building Curiosity in the Classroom Wednesday August 28, 2024 7:00 pm



Curiosity is paramount for enthusiasm, questioning, and higherlevel thinking in the classroom. Presenters Andrea Edstrom and Dana Gendreau will share researched-based evidence supporting the role of curiosity in students' academic growth.

Included in this webinar will be information on how inquisitiveness can guide elaboration on information and elicit high-level responses from all students. Participants will learn what happens in students' brains when curiosity is piqued, and how to set the stage for inquiry through the use of curiosity.

This webinar will also discuss the culture of classrooms and how to create opportunities for curiosity, giftedness, and twice exceptionalities.

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## **Presenters**

Andrea Edstrom is a retired educator who spent the majority of her career in Gifted Education. She holds a Special Education credential in Gifted Education, a combined major in Elementary Education and Mathematics, and a Middle School Endorsement in Mathematics. Andrea has been an advocate for the rights of gifted individuals since early in her career. She has presented at various conferences and conventions and has provided professional development training for her district. Andrea is currently a board member for NDAGC where she serves as treasurer.

Dana Gendreau is a retired educator who taught in ND and MN public schools for 40 years. She holds credentials in Gifted Education and Foreign Languages in the Elementary Schools (FLES). Her majors are Elementary Education and Spanish K-12. Dana spent most of her years teaching at the elementary level but also taught at middle school and high school levels. She enjoys presenting in person and has continued to provide professional learning for Bismarck Public Schools in retirement.

Dana served as a past President, Vice-President, and Secretary of NDAGC.



