



## Meet Susan Kovalik

Susan Kovalik, a master classroom teacher and curriculum innovator for over 40 years, has spent the past 30 years developing a model for curriculum and instruction based on current brain research. She is the creator of the *Highly Effective Teaching* (HET) Model (formerly known as ITI: Integrated Thematic Instruction), and dynamically shares and models practical strategies while inspiring educators to grow beyond perceived personal limits and encouraging others to expand their capacity. Her keynote messages and seminars are the spark that ignites renewed commitment to meaningful change in schools and classrooms. To have learned from Susan Kovalik is to have learned from one of the first and foremost leaders in bodybrain-compatible education.

In 1980, Susan developed the Model Teaching Week event, an innovative way to show teachers how *Highly Effective Teaching* strategies work with students in their own school. Since that beginning, more than 40,000 teachers have attended the one-week experience, watching how their students respond to brain-compatible curriculum and instructional strategies while becoming inspired to begin their own *Highly Effective Teaching* journey.

Susan Kovalik & Associates, Inc. was created in 1988 and is doing business as the Center for Effective Learning in Federal Way, Washington. Experienced associates, master *Highly Effective Teaching* instructors, work around the world teaching and coaching educators in bodybrain-compatible education. They share the power of working with a model that can be replicated for all students in all situations. Susan Kovalik's books include a collection of essential resources such as *Exceeding Expectations: A User's Guide to Implementing Brain Research in the Classroom*, *Kid's Eye View of Science*, and *Teach for Success*. More than 25 books, audio recordings, and award-winning videos created by Susan Kovalik & Associates serve as on-going "coaches" for teachers and administrators, documenting *Highly Effective Teaching* in action.

Susan is especially proud of a project that she personally sponsored in Slovakia, a new democracy previously under communist authority. She and her associates made numerous trips to teach *Highly Effective Teaching* to the educators in Eastern Europe. Two instructors and their families lived in Slovakia for a whole year to provide *Highly Effective Teaching* training. It was challenging to overcome the language barrier with translators, but it worked! After seven years, the educators took over the project. There are now *Highly Effective Teaching* schools throughout the country. Susan was privileged to receive the Medal of Honor from the Slovak Minister of Education.

The work of Susan Kovalik is grounded in research, offers innovative strategies, and provides customized trainings across the country which are relevant for all educational arenas. Susan is committed to providing the best information from current research and offering practical strategies to increase human capacity and performance at work, at home, and at school. [www.theCenter4Learning.com](http://www.theCenter4Learning.com)

### Who is Susan Kovalik?

- Creator of *Highly Effective Teaching*, a bodybrain-compatible model for teaching and learning
- Dynamic, inspiring national and international keynote speaker and seminar presenter
- Creative science teacher, classroom instructor, teacher of the gifted, and innovator of ideas for success with reluctant learners
- Author of widely circulated books, audio recordings, and videos for educators
- Benefactor of a cutting-edge, five-year project bringing *Highly Effective Teaching* to teachers and students in the new democracy of Slovakia (in Eastern Europe)
- Pioneer of bodybrain-compatible environments at work, at home, at school
- Founder of The Center For Effective Learning in Federal Way, Washington