



A nationally recognized presenter, author, and humorist, Jack Berckemeyer began his career as a middle school teacher in Denver, Colorado. After only two years, he was recognized as an outstanding educator at his school and in his district. Then in 2003, Jack received the Outstanding Alumni Award from the Falcon School District. Jack has also served as a judge for the Disney American Teacher Awards and has served on the selection committee for the USA TODAY All-Teacher Team. Jack has a master's degree in Middle-Level Education as well as an administrator's degree.

For 13 years Jack served as the Assistant Executive Director for the National Middle School Association. He is the owner of Berckemeyer Consulting Group through which he has presented in hundreds of school district and conference settings both nationally and internationally. Jack is known not only for his keynotes and workshops but is also highly regarded as one of the best long-term professional developers in the country. Jack's presentations and instruction are best-practice-focused and research-based. He is in high demand and enjoys working with educators and schools.

He is the author of *Managing the Madness: A Practical Guide to Middle Grades Classrooms*; *How to Do Virtual Teaching Even If You Have a Face for Radio*, along with numerous educational articles. His book, *Successful Middle School Teaming*, was released fall of 2022. In addition, he is the lead author of the comprehensive professional development curriculum: *Elements of Effective Teaming*. His most recent book, *Deliberate Optimism: STILL Reclaiming the Joy in Education*, co-authored with Dr. Debbie Silver, was released in early 2023.

Jack lives in Denver, Colorado, and has no pets, plants, or people.

