Differentiated Learning:
Assessment is the Key

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School Facts

- K-6 Elementary
- 605 Students
- 10 miles N. of the US/Mexico International Border
- 36 Certificated, 21 Classified-100% NCLB certified
- STAR-CAT6, CST, CELDT
- Title I, 45% English Language Learners, Diverse Cultures
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Assessments → Managing the Data

Coordinated Delivery System → Using the Data
The Assessments...

At the District / School level…
  • Language Arts / Math / ELD
At the State Level…
  • STAR      AYP / API
  • California Achievement Test 6^{th} Ed.
  • California Standards Test
  • CA English Lang. Development Test
  • APREnda (Spanish)
The Data...

Teacher

Edusoft

State

Data Warehouse

Information

Teacher

School / Principal

District
Data Analysis and Application…

- Set Goals
- Plan Instruction
- Collaborate
- Provide Intervention
- Measure Progress
- Reflect and Strategize
Our Coordinated Delivery System…

- Designate Personnel
- Coordinate Schedules
- Differentiate Instruction
Designate Personnel

Classroom Teachers

Specialists & Instructional Assistants

Impact Teachers
Coordinated Schedules

• Classroom Schedules
• Intervention Schedules
  - Needs assessment
  - Allocation of services based on students’ needs
  - RSP and LAS
• Interventions & classroom schedules align
Differentiated Instruction

• At instructional level
• Meets students’ diverse needs
• Aligned to California Content Standards
• Utilizes research-based materials
Summary Points

• Differentiated learning…
  – Focuses on students’ needs
  – Is guided by data
  – Requires coordinated schedules
  – Maximizes instructional time
  – Demands highly qualified teachers

• Each year we add new strategies—the challenge is to complement but not compromise what is already working…
Excellence for All!

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