Humboldt Elementary, located in Prescott, Arizona, was featured on Edutopia to share their student-driven differentiated instruction plan. Former principal and current Director of Educational Services for Humboldt Unified School District, Cole Young, provided the leadership to gain active support and participation from all involved in order to change practice at the elementary school.

Sharing his knowledge and vision, Mr. Young promoted collaboration for data-driven instruction, differentiation, interventions, and parent engagement. He worked with his staff to provide a 30 minute block of time four days a week for students in grades 4 - 6 to receive interventions as part of the school’s RTI plan. Students who do not need interventions choose enrichment activities like peer tutoring, library, physical education, computers, or music. Watch the video to see how the program works from staff, students, and parents.

Student-Driven Differentiated Instruction With “I Choose” (4:45)

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