Table 1.1: Data-Driven Mindset Versus Student-Centered Mindset

	Data-Driven Mindset	Student-Centered Mindset
Urgency	Improves scores Responds to outside pressure to improve (such as the state report card) Focuses on the school level	Improves student learning Responds to internal pressure to improve (such as knowing students as individual people) Focuses on the team, class, and student levels
Success	Defines success by better numbers Uses the school-level aggregate Emphasizes immediate improvement (often not looking past the current school year)	 Defines success by student growth Uses a granular approach (class, student group, or grade level) as well as the school aggregate in their decision making Emphasizes long-term, sustainable systems of improvement that endure, using immediate data to adjust and refine
Goals	Creates large-scale (school and district) goals Asks questions like "Where can we gain the most in a short amount of time?" Uses top-down approaches	 Aligns team and individual goals with school and district goals Asks questions like "Where is our greatest area of need?" and "What has the most significant impact on our students?" Collaborates with stakeholders
Data Use	Usually uses quantitative sources Views data as an end result Can allow assessment instrument to drive the response process, even if used intermittently	Uses many data sources as a body of evidence to get a complete picture of individual student needs Views data as evidence of effectiveness for instructional strategies Views data as the baseline, as well as the means of monitoring progress and the end result Allows student needs to drive the response process
Motivation	 Avoids getting in trouble Avoids improvement status Allows ownership of data at the individual level Is concerned with making its own data look good Is competitive Focuses on numbers and scores 	 Is concerned with improving the lives of students Creates collective efficacy and responsibility Creates collaborative ownership of data Asks questions like "What will we do now that we know this?" Considers all students as "our students" Focuses on names and needs