

## REPORT: Acceleration in Wisconsin



**THE WHY:** The Wisconsin Association for Talented and Gifted ([WATG](#)) is committed to promoting effective gifted and talented programming options for students in EVERY district in Wisconsin. Acceleration is proven to be a highly effective strategy yet is underutilized or not offered at all in many districts. In 2017 WATG set out to research, analyze, and develop action steps to improve acceleration practices across the state.

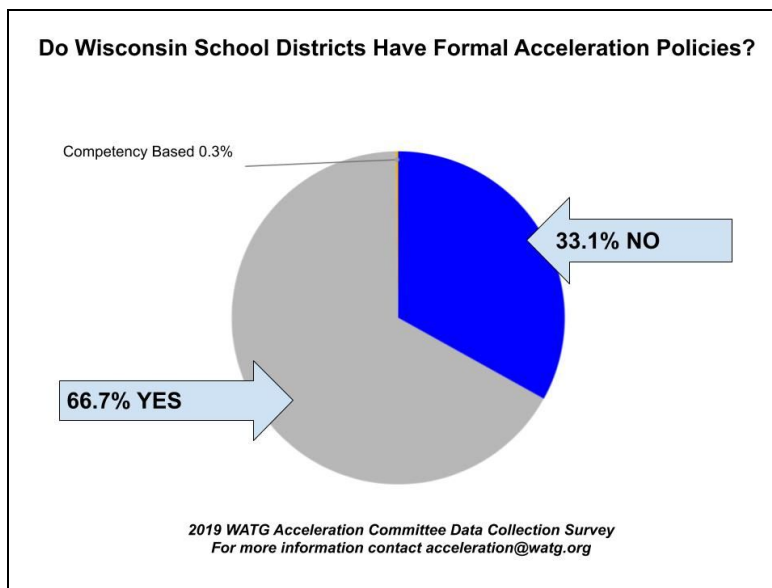
**THE WHAT:** The goals of the acceleration team project:

- Determine the current state of acceleration in K-12 districts throughout Wisconsin
- Develop and provide learning opportunities based on the identified need
- Advocate for statewide legislation supporting acceleration as a necessary option in all districts

**THE HOW:** An eleven question survey request was sent to every district in Wisconsin asking for information regarding the acceleration practices currently available. That data has been analyzed and is available in first draft form. Our next steps include:

- Share the draft report at the Unconference Thursday evening. Join us at the Acceleration table.
- Develop at least one statewide learning opportunity on acceleration promising practices during the 2019-2020 school year (watch your emails and check out the WATG newsletter for more information)
- Work with advocacy groups and lobbyists to advocate for future legislation regarding acceleration in Wisconsin

To examine some of our data, click on this link: [Interactive Map](#).



Thank you to all districts who have contributed data, and to the acceleration team for its continued work on this valuable project. For more information or to request professional development for your district, contact [acceleration@watg.org](mailto:acceleration@watg.org)