



Fast Track Pacing Guide

Fast Track offers a 90-day path to NAF membership for existing career academies meeting most NAF standards, or are NCAC or Linked Learning Certified. The application involves gathering documentation to demonstrate alignment with the NAF Design, enabling a faster academy launch and access to support resources. Once accepted, NAF membership includes an annual quality review to maintain alignment with NAF's Design, enhancing program quality and expanding opportunities for students.

02 ADMISSIONS (DAY 1 – DAY 14)

The NAF Team evaluates partnership alignment and approves schools for the application process, then schedules a virtual meeting with approved applicants to review the Fast Track process.

04 EVIDENCE (DAY 22 – DAY 45)

The Academy Design Team reviews the Evidence Checklist and templates to understand NAF standards. The applicant submits evidence showing alignment with the NAF Design, and the NAF Team completes an initial review within 10 days, notifying the applicant if clarification or adjustments are needed.

06 MEMBERSHIP (DAY 61 – DAY 75)

The applicant arranges for the signing of the NAF Membership Agreement to formalize the partnership and start the invoicing process. A \$4,000 application fee is required before the Fast Track validation meeting, which the NAF Team schedules with key members of the Academy Design Team to finalize the application.

01 GETTING STARTED

The school/district creates a multi-disciplinary Academy Design Team to establish a shared vision for a NAF academy. This team uses the Interest Survey to evaluate partnership alignment and readiness, identifies expected outcomes for the district, school, and community, and contacts NAF to begin the admissions process.

03 ASSESSMENT (DAY 15 – DAY 21)

The Academy Design Team reviews the Fast Track Assessment sample and agrees on accurate responses before submitting it online. The applicant submits the assessment on behalf of the team and notifies the NAF Team. A score of 15 or higher is required to proceed with the Fast Track process.

05 ADJUSTMENTS (DAY 46 – DAY 60)

The Academy Design Team uses feedback from the initial review to revise their online assessment within 15 days. The NAF Team then conducts a final review to ensure alignment with NAF standards before processing the membership agreement and fees.

07 GRADUATION (DAY 76 – DAY 90)

The admissions process concludes with a validation meeting to discuss alignment with the NAF Design. The Academy Design Team uses insights from this meeting to set goals and adjust their action plan for the Launch Year. The academy lead schedules regular checkpoints with the portfolio manager to monitor progress. A \$2,000 annual membership fee is due upon the academy's launch.

