



Fast Track Pacing Guide

Fast Track — A 90-day path to NAF membership for existing academies that meet most NAF standards or are NCAC/Linked Learning Certified. Gather documentation to show alignment with the NAF design, accelerate your academy launch, and access NAF resources. Once accepted, membership includes an annual quality review to maintain alignment with NAF's design, strengthen program quality, and create more opportunities for students.

02 ADMISSIONS (DAY 1 – DAY 14)

NAF reviews partnership alignment and approves schools to begin the application. Approved applicants are invited to a virtual meeting to walk through the Fast Track process.

04 EVIDENCE (DAY 22 – DAY 45)

The Academy Design Team submits documentation showing alignment with NAF standards. NAF reviews within 10 days and provides feedback if adjustments are needed.

06 MEMBERSHIP (DAY 61 – DAY 75)

The applicant completes the NAF Membership Agreement and pays the \$4,000 application fee. NAF schedules the Fast Track validation meeting ("graduation") with key Academy Design Team members to finalize the application.

01 GETTING STARTED

Bring together a multi-disciplinary team to shape a shared vision for your NAF academy. Use the [Interest Survey](#) to gauge readiness and partner alignment, set clear goals for your school and community, and connect with NAF to launch the admissions process.

03 ASSESSMENT (DAY 15 – DAY 21)

The Academy Design Team reviews the Fast Track Assessment, aligns on responses, and submits online. A score of 15 or higher is required to continue in the Fast Track process.

05 ADJUSTMENTS (DAY 46 – DAY 60)

The Academy Design Team revises submissions based on NAF feedback. NAF conducts a final review before processing the membership agreement and fees.

07 GRADUATION (DAY 76 – DAY 90)

The Fast Track process concludes with a validation meeting to review alignment with the NAF design. The Academy Design Team uses insights from this meeting to set goals, update the action plan, and schedule regular checkpoints with the portfolio manager. A \$2,000 annual membership fee is due at launch.

