



Year of Planning

Your Path to a Successful NAF Academy Launch

Together, we can create access to opportunities that prepare students for college, career, and future success.

Why YOP Matters



Dedicated Expertise

Work with a NAF Portfolio Manager who guides your Academy Design Team through every phase of planning.



Proven Framework

Design an academy aligned with NAF standards and tailored to local school, community, and workforce priorities.



Comprehensive Planning

Address key components – including recruitment, work-based learning, sustainability, and culture before launch.



Ongoing Support

Receive continued guidance and progress monitoring as your academy transitions from planning to implementation, leveraging proven practices across the NAF network.

Focus Areas

Assess Needs



Gather insights from school, community, and industry.

Build Culture



Foster a positive academy environment.

Plan for Success



Develop strategies for long-term sustainability.

Track Progress



Monitor development using NAF's online tools & resources.

Benefits



Personalized Support

- Dedicated Portfolio Manager for expert coaching and strategic guidance
- Program of study aligned to the National Career Clusters Framework
- Technical system support

Professional Learning

- Self-guided YOP resources and standards alignment tool
- YOP-focused sessions at NAF Next
- Customized training sessions (on-site or virtual)

Resources

- Courses, NAF Expeditions, and industry certifications
- Webinars and templates via the Academy Support Hub
- Data informed reporting tools to monitor and strengthen student success
- Access to corporate partner opportunities

Recognition

- Member of a national network of 600+ academies
- Official YOP completion recognition, including a NAF banner and public acknowledgement