

Year of Planning Benefits

Emerging NAF academies participate in a developmental Year of Planning (YOP) facilitated by NAF portfolio managers. During YOP, the Academy Design Team (ADT) aligns local programming goals with the NAF Design.

YOP includes:

- Identifying the needs of school, community, and industry.
- Designing implementation plans for student recruitment, work-based learning, and academy sustainability.
- Building an academy culture for student success.

The ADT has access to NAF tools in the Academy Support Hub to actively plan and track the progress of the academy design plan throughout YOP.

Personalized Support

- Dedicated Portfolio Manager provides primary support for academies throughout the YOP process.
- Program of Study development aligned with the 16 nationally recognized CTE career clusters.
- Strategic marketing and recruitment plan development.

Resources

- Access to courses, NAF Expeditions, and industry certifications recommendations.
- NAF-sponsored webinars and trainings.
- Academy Support Hub offers implementation resources for NAF's academy network.
- Marketing and communications resources for publicity, branding, and marketing.

Professional Learning

- YOP Guide provides a rubric and self-guided prompts for academy development.
- YOP-focused session at NAF's signature professional development event, NAF Next.
- Personalized training throughout YOP.
- Customized on-site and virtual meetings to address specific academy development needs.

And More!

- Affiliation with 600+ academies in 34 states, national corporate partners, and business leaders across the country.
- Data-driven tools to monitor student outcomes.
- National recognition of YOP completion and academy launch.
- Recipient of an official NAF banner.