

3 Goals



Preparing for Your Next Step after High School

Being part of a NAF Academy means you will have the chance to participate in career-related activities, including work-based learning. Each activity will help you work on 3 central goals. Achieving these goals by the end of your NAF Academy experience means you are doing what it takes to start creating the career and life you want.



ASPIRATIONS

Choose at least one career you are interested in and develop a map of how you will get there.

Identifying a career and mapping the steps in the journey to achieving it will help you have a clear sense of what comes next. If you are not quite sure which path you want to pursue yet, that's okay! Choosing one career to focus on at first doesn't lock you in - it helps you learn how to chart your course forward, no matter how many potential careers you have in mind.



SKILLS

Develop the 6 Future Ready Skills, receive continuous feedback from industry professionals, and be able to communicate your strengths.

6 Future Ready Skills:

Communication

Problem-Solving

Collaboration

Planning for Success

Initiative & Self Direction

Social Awareness

"The only constant is change." Developing the 6 Future Ready Skills is the best way to prepare yourself for whatever comes ahead. These are skills that will help you land, keep, and grow within one or more careers for many years to come.



CONNECTIONS

Build at least three professional connections.

Who you know makes a difference. Research from multiple sources shows that as many as 85% of jobs are obtained through networking and that 70% or more of these positions are never advertised. Having professionals in your corner will help you learn more about the career you're interested in and open doors to opportunities others may never even hear about.