

# NAF'S CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT CYCLE

*How Data Drives Results and Proves that Students are Future Ready*

Since 1980, NAF has solved some of the biggest challenges facing education and the economy by bringing education, business, and community leaders together to transform the high school experience. As a result, NAF's continuous improvement cycle was created with our future leaders - high school students - at the forefront.

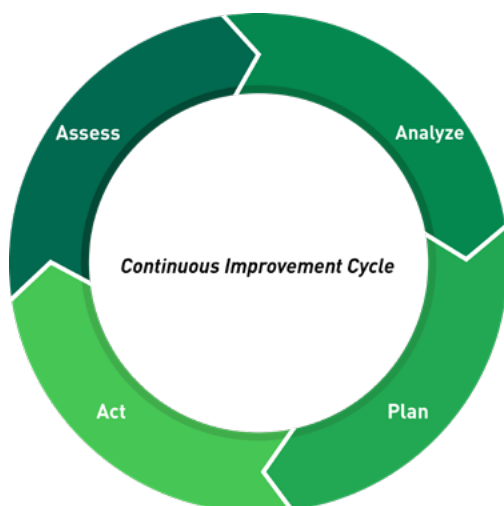


In order to keep moving the needle forward and creating a more opportune world for students, NAF measures an academy's strengths

and challenges in implementing NAF's educational design. Academies use the Data Center and NAFTrack Certification, as well as a number of other resources to develop data-driven action plans to track student success and improve academy outcomes.

With this said, the truth is that the proof is in the data. A recent study, "Transforming the High School Experience: NAF's Cohort Graduation Rates from 2011-2015" - prepared by ICF - supports the proven effectiveness of the NAF educational design. Major findings suggest that the NAF educational design makes a difference for all high school students - especially those at-risk of not graduating - and finds its highest success in four-year, full program participation.

At every step of the cycle, NAF provides the tools, resources, and messaging, to help academies, business partners, and other constituents work more effectively for students. There is enormous strength in numbers and together, we can achieve more impactful results for the next generation. Additional benefits include using data to inform decision-making; allocate resources; and highlight in marketing materials for academies, districts, and communities to use externally to continue making a difference.



## ASSESS

Collect and submit annual academy NAFTrack Certification data; Data Center data; and Academy Assessment data. Academies reaching identified criteria on the Academy Assessment will be invited to participate in an evaluation visit to reach Model or Distinguished level.

## PLAN

Develop an academy improvement strategy using NAF's online Action Plan tool; share Action Plan with your advisory board members and district leaders; revise/update Action Plan regularly.

## ANALYZE

Use NAF data to analyze individual academy/district performance, as well as student outcomes through NAFTrack Certification data; to examine and reflect on how well the academy is implementing the NAF educational design, as to measure fidelity and ensure students graduate with NAFTrack Certification; and market critical outcomes to important stakeholders to use in their networks to drive change.

## ACT

Create goals to increase strategic outcomes; deepen practice through professional learning and team development; engage in targeted learning at NAF Next - NAF's premiere professional development conference held each summer.

### ACADEMY DATA

NAFTrack Certification  
Data Center  
Academy Assessment

### STUDENT DATA

NAFTrack Certification data

- Course report
- Internship report
- Progress report
- myNAFTrack opens up the corporate world to students

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