NAF BE FUTURE READY

Fast Track
Application Checklist

90 DAYS

A 90-day path to NAF membership for career academies already aligned with most NAF standards. Validate alignment, accelerate your launch, and access NAF resources and ongoing support.

GETTING STARTED

- [ ] Build a multi-disciplinary Academy Design Team prepared to start a NAF career academy.
- [ ] Identify expected outcomes for the district, school, and community in partnership with NAF.
- [ ] Complete the Interest Survey to assess partnership alignment and readiness.

Day 1-14 ADMISSIONS

- [ ] NAF reviews partnership alignment and approves schools to proceed.
- [ ] Meet with NAF to review the Fast Track process and Evidence Checklist & Planner.

Day 15-21 ASSESSMENT

- [ ] Complete the online Fast Track Assessment. Use the sample copy to prepare.
- [ ] A provisional score of 15 or higher required to continue.

Day 22-45 EVIDENCE

- [ ] Review the Evidence Checklist and templates, or use your own.
- [ ] Submit evidence demonstrating alignment with the NAF design.
- [ ] NAF completes an initial review and identifies any needed clarification or adjustments.

Day 46-60 ADJUSTMENTS

- [ ] Address feedback and revise the assessment and evidence, if needed.
- [ ] NAF completes a final review.

Day 61-75 MEMBERSHIP

- [ ] Sign NAF's Membership Agreement to formalize the partnership and initiate invoicing.
- [ ] Pay the $4,000 application fee before the virtual validation meeting.

Day 76-90 GRADUATION

- [ ] Participate in a collaborative validation meeting to review alignment with the NAF design.
- [ ] Score 15 or higher during validation to be eligible for NAF membership.
- [ ] Upon approval, join the NAF academy network.

ACADEMY LAUNCH

- [ ] Use Assessment results to set Launch Year goals and update the action plan.
- [ ] Pay the $2,000 annual membership fee at academy launch.
- [ ] Participate in NAF's annual quality review process,