NAF BE FUTURE READY

YEAR OF PLANNING

Design with purpose. Plan for success.

Use the NAF design to guide your planning—build an academy shaped by your students, community, and workforce.



YOP ROADMAP

Focus areas that shape your Academy Design Plan

1. **Team Building & Leadership** — Build a multidisciplinary team with a shared vision.
2. **Academy Quality** — Align with NAF standards and use data to strengthen academy practices.
3. **Curriculum & Instruction** — Develop curriculum aligned to real workforce needs.
4. **Recruitment & Enrollment** — Design a strategy to attract and enroll students.
5. **Advisory Board** — Engage industry and community partners to support student learning.
6. **Work-Based Learning** — Offer hands-on career opportunities with industry support.
7. **Authentic Projects** — Design projects that solve real-world problems.
8. **College & Career Readiness** — Prepare students for postsecondary education and career success.
9. **YOP Graduation** — Finalize the Academy Design Plan and prepare for launch.

NAF DESIGN

The framework that guides your Academy Design Plan

ACADEMY DEVELOPMENT & STRUCTURE

Small learning communities within your high school that integrate career-focused courses, teacher collaboration and personalized learning.

ADVISORY BOARD

A bridge between school and workplace, bringing industry expertise into student learning and workforce development.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Industry-aligned learning that builds transferable, real-world skills through hands-on instruction.

WORK-BASED LEARNING

Career-connected experiences that link classroom learning to the world of work, from awareness to exploration and preparation.

SUPPORT ALONG THE WAY

DEDICATED COACHING
Personalized guidance from your Portfolio Manager.

TOOLS & RESOURCES
Practical tools, templates, and proven strategies.

PEER CONNECTIONS
Learn from a national network of NAF academies.

FLEXIBLE & SELF-PACED
Move through the focus areas at your own pace.

PLAN WITH PURPOSE.

The YOP Roadmap puts the NAF design into practice — building a strong Academy Design Plan for a successful launch.

YOP ROADMAP
The focus areas that guide your planning.

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NAF DESIGN
The core elements of a high-quality academy.

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ACADEMY DESIGN PLAN
Your foundation for launch year and beyond.

Ready To Get Started?

Access the YOP Guide

Explore each focus area with activities, tools, and guiding questions to build your Academy Design Plan **at your own pace.**

OR

Scan to access the YOP Guide!