

Year of Planning



The Year of Planning (YOP) is a customized self-paced process that helps schools establish a NAF academy. Throughout YOP, NAF Portfolio Managers and support staff provide personalized guidance to align your academy's goals with NAF's design before the academy opens in its first operational year, called the Launch Year. Adjust pacing as needed to meet local needs

Team Building & Leadership

The first step in building a high-quality academy is forming the **Academy Design Team (ADT)** – a multi-disciplinary team representing the school community. Recruit individuals who share a common vision and bring expertise to collaboratively develop the **Academy Design Plan**, preparing the academy for its Launch Year.

Academy Design Plan

Use the **YOP Guide**, a comprehensive resource with activities, tools, and guiding questions to shape your academy's vision. The Guide streamlines planning and serves as the primary resource for developing your Academy Design Plan, helping you to:

- Set timelines and track progress
- Monitor goals and collect evidence required to validate completion of strategic actions

THE NAF DESIGN

FOUR CORE ELEMENTS



Academy Development & Structure

Standards of Practice

- Recruitment & Enrollment
- Personalization
- Data Collection & Review
- Leadership
- Professional Learning



Advisory Board

Standards of Practice

- Membership & Operations
- Support for Learning
- Support for Sustainability



Program of Study

Standards of Practice

- Academy Coursework & Authentic Project Learning
- College & Career Readiness



Work-Based Learning

Standards of Practice

- Work-Based Learning Program
- Participation

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Year of Planning Roadmap



KEY STEPS TO DEVELOPING AN ACADEMY DESIGN PLAN

