



NAF'S APPROACH TO ADVISORY BOARDS

Advisory boards and their members provide an essential bridge between the classroom and the workplace. By working with academy leaders and acting as NAF ambassadors, advisory board members use their industry expertise to ensure that academy students have a robust and enriching learning experience. In addition, advisory board members provide strategic planning and direction, curriculum review, and professional support for NAF academies and teachers.

Advisory boards prepare students to be college, career, and future ready by:

- Leveraging connections to raise awareness for the academy and build community support
- Securing and coordinating a sequence of work-based learning activities such as guest speakers, worksite tours, job shadows, and paid internships
- Participating in a variety of classroom activities and student projects
- Finding, funding, or furnishing paid internship opportunities
- Collaborating with academy leaders to enhance curriculum and professional development
- Providing strategic leadership and soliciting financial support from the community to ensure academy sustainability

Membership benefits can include:

- Recognition as a leader in supporting underserved high school students
- Networking and business opportunities with fellow influential and community-focused leaders
- Strengthen and diversify your future workforce through skills-based volunteerism
- Develop rewarding relationships with local students
- Leverage connections to impact public education and workforce development in your community