WORK-BASED LEARNING STANDARDS



NAF'S STANDARDS OF QUALITY WORK-BASED LEARNING

PARTNER INTERACTION

Students have ongoing interactions with industry professionals in workplace settings through a variety of experiences.

OUTCOMES-DRIVEN

Students discover careers of interest, make a plan to achieve their goals, develop professional skills, receive feedback on skill development, monitor their growth, and make meaningful connections with professionals.

PREPARATION AND REFLECTION

Students prepare for each experience with guidance from their teacher and actively reflect experiences, skills, and connections building an understanding of their progress toward mastery of Future Ready Skills and overall postsecondary/career readiness.

CLASSROOM-CONNECTED

Students connect subject matter content with career aspirations and skills through interaction taking place in classroom-connected work-based learning opportunities provided by educators and partners.

NAF'S CONTINUUM OF WORK-BASED LEARNING

AWARENESS

Students are introduced to careers and pathways through short work-based learning engagements where they can interact with industry professionals in small to large groups. Awareness activities are appropriate for all levels of students.

EXPLORATION

Students continue to hone their career interests while building Future Ready Skills in one-to-one or smaller group settings with industry professionals. Students receive feedback on their skill development from industry professionals and make connections to begin their professional network.

PRFPARATION

Students apply their learning through immersive industry-based experiences. Career Preparation activities allow students to establish connections and build a professional network. Industry partners are more directly involved in student development and provide feedback on applied skills in an industry-based setting.

AWARENESS

- Guest Speaker
- Worksite Tour
- Career Fair



EXPLORATION

- Informational Interview
- Job Shadow
- Resume Coaching/Review
- Mock Interview
- Mentorship
- Skills Workshop
- Partner Engagement Project



PREPARATION

- 80+ hours or 2 x 40-hour engagements
- Paid Internship
- Clinical Experience
- Mentored Industry Project
- Apprenticeship/Youth Apprenticeship

