

Membership Benefits

NAF’s network has exclusive access to an array of resources that support professional learning to build leadership capacity and to develop model career academies. NAF invests significantly in innovative research that enhances NAF’s educational design and ensures that NAF’s Program of Study options are on the cutting edge of industry standards and promote advanced academics. The annual membership fee allows NAF to continue to invest in preparing future-ready students, though fees represent less than 10% of the cost to deliver NAF’s resources and services. Available academy supports include the following service categories:

Academy Development

- Dedicated portfolio managers who provide virtual or in-person action planning assistance
- Regional and district professional learning convenings and ongoing webinar sessions
- Online resources to implement NAF’s educational design
- Technical assistance with NAF’s online platforms: NAFTrack Certification and Academy Support Hub
- Implementation of a work-based learning program
- Development of advisory board and employer engagement
- Provision of vouchers to attend NAF Next, NAF’s annual conference
- Marketing and communications assistance and resources for academy publicity, branding, and marketing

Funding & Partner Engagement

- Access to exclusive work-based learning opportunities
- Grant and funding opportunities
- Scholarships for NAF graduates
- Future Ready Lab, a collaborative partnership to provide internships

NAFTrack Certification

Components include:

- NAF’s employability credential that serves as NAF’s seal of college and career readiness.
- Program of Study covers 16 career clusters with NAF and third-party curricula, advanced academic programs, dual enrollment, and state approved Career Technical Education courses.
- Internship requirement includes a paid, 120-hour internship with a satisfactory internship assessment.

Data-Driven Action Planning

Portfolio managers assist with the use of a continuous improvement process to reach the model level of design implementation. NAF provides technical assistance for using the Data Center and NAFTrack Certification to develop data-driven action plans to track student success and improve academy outcomes. Reporting tools and resources include:

- Data Center collection of student demographics and postsecondary education options, work-based learning activities, and advisory board members.
- NAFTrack Certification assessment of students’ academic progress and college and career readiness.
- NAF’s Academy Assessment of fidelity of educational design implementation and guidance in action planning.