

# Year of Planning

## Benefits

Before opening their doors to students, all prospective NAF academies take part in a structured Year of Planning (YOP) guided by experienced NAF staff. The YOP process involves activities to align resources and programs prior to implementation. NAF works to ensure all stakeholders are well-trained and confident in delivering on the NAF educational design and develops a lasting relationship with academies as they adjust the design to fit school or district needs.

This process helps to establish a sustainable foundation that assures the success of the academy and its ability to fulfill its promise to students and the community. Those accepted into YOP gain access to a guided assessment process that informs and directs the work of advance program planning and development, technical assistance from NAF, professional development, NAF-developed curriculum and more.

### *Personalized Support*

- Personalized coaching to successfully implement NAF's proven educational design
- Gap analysis and customized academy design planning tools and assessment
- Technical assistance
- Marketing and communications support and resources in publicity, branding, and marketing

### *Professional Development*

- Calendar of webinars, featuring content experts on all aspects of the NAF educational design
- Full day orientation at NAF's annual conference
- Two academy visits from NAF staff
- Regional in-person professional development events

### *Resources*

- Year of Planning guidebook
- Industry-validated curriculum
- Full suite of resources available in the Academy Support Hub, NAF's members only portal
- Orientation to NAFTrack Certification for future student success

### *And more!*

- Access to NAF's network of over 700 academies and thousands of education and business leaders across the country
- Upon successful completion, YOPs earn membership status and receive a NAF banner
- YOP fees include both the application and service fees