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NAF Findings
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About the Research
- 4-year study
- 613,002 students
- 171,609 freshmen in 2011
- 7,406 NAF participants
- 10 school districts from 6 states
- Prepared by ICF, a leading evaluation firm

During the years of the study, the average US high school graduation was 81.9%, which is reflective of schools nationwide, while NAF primarily works with underserved schools.

NAF Students
- With full-program participation, at-risk NAF students had a higher graduation rate than non-NAF students: +10%
- With full-program participation, NAF students graduated at a higher rate than non-NAF students: +6%
- Overall, students enrolled in a NAF academy graduated at a higher rate than non-NAF students: +3.3%

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Long-Term Impact of High School Graduation
A diploma is more than a measure of success—it offers opportunities.

- More job and earning possibilities
- Lower incarceration rates and taxpayer burden
- Break the poverty cycle
- Develop their talent and experience
- Build the life they want

Give your school district—your business—your community—a path toward the best future.

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Academy Development & Structure
Curriculum & Instruction
Advisory Board
Work-Based Learning

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