

Transforming the High School Experience



The NAF Impact on Graduation Rates

NAF brings education and businesses together to ensure high school students, especially those in high-need communities, are college, career, and future ready.



Since 2010, NAF has collected data to track student performance and learning outcomes. Its latest report, *“Transforming the High School Experience,”* documents the findings of the design’s impact on students’ high school experience.

About the Research



4-year study



10 school districts from 6 states



613,002 students
171,489 freshmen in 2011
7,406 NAF participants



Prepared by ICF, a leading evaluation firm



2:1 propensity match
Each NAF student was matched with two non-NAF students to increase validity of comparison outcomes.

NAF Findings

The NAF educational design makes a difference for all high school students—especially those at-risk of not graduating—and finds its highest success in four-year, full-program participation.

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
□ Non-NAF Students

With full-program participation, at-risk NAF students had a higher graduation rate than non-NAF students

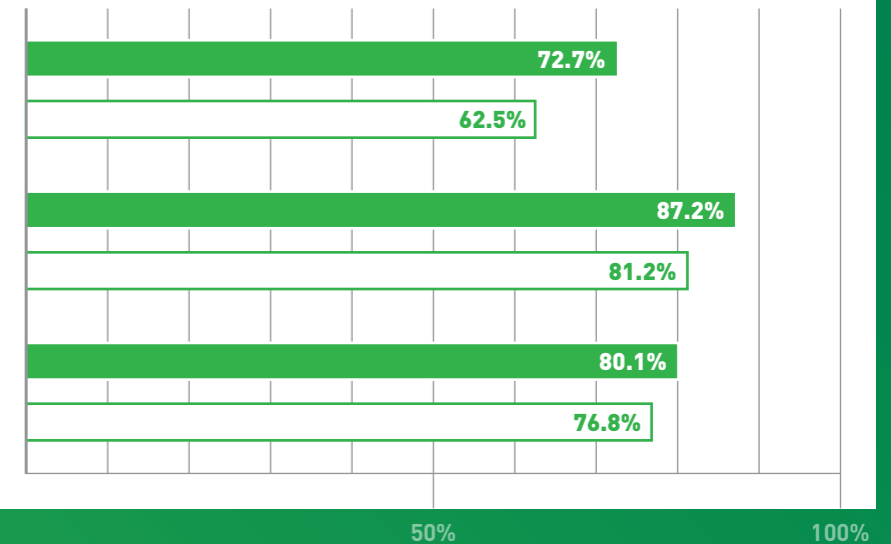
+10%

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%

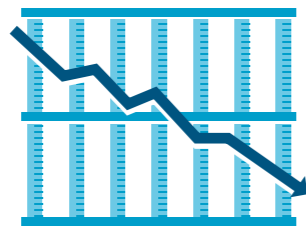


Long-Term Impact of High School Graduation

A diploma is more than a measure of success—it offers opportunities.



More job and earning possibilities



Lower incarceration rates and taxpayer burden

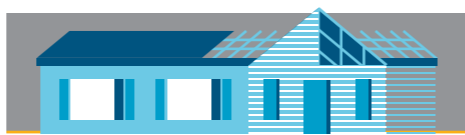
NAF academies provide students with the skills and resources they need to:



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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NAF academies, small learning communities within existing high schools, implement an educational design to improve student outcomes.



Academy Development & Structure



Curriculum & Instruction



Advisory Board



Work-Based Learning