



**BE FUTURE
READY**

Michigan Department of Education Grant Opportunity In Partnership with NAF

NAF is passionate about creating partnerships around a unique framework that makes access to essential opportunities possible by connecting students, educators, and businesses to strengthen communities. Together, we can ensure every student has the power to leverage greater opportunities, ignite their career aspirations, and help them become future ready.

Preparing the next generation of professionals through industry-focused courses and hands-on work-based learning experiences

Michigan lawmakers have appropriated funding that YOUR DISTRICT can utilize to build, strengthen, and brand your career pathways and expand work-based learning opportunities. In partnership with NAF, the Michigan Department of Education will administer these funds through a grant process to expand NAF academies. The grant will cover admissions fees to participate in a customized developmental process for designing a NAF academy – providing even more young people with access to opportunity.

Applicants can select a career-connected program of study within NAF's five career pathways: Engineering, Finance, Health Sciences, Hospitality & Tourism, or Information Technology. NAF also approves programs of study that align with the 16 career clusters as defined by the U.S. Department of Education's [National Career Clusters Framework](#).



NAF helps students build industry-specific skills that prepare them for the demands of changing workforce.



In the classroom, NAF goes beyond what traditional high schools offer with personalized learning environments and career-focused curricula.



NAF helps businesses define their role and actively take part in building a sustainable talent pipeline that's diverse and inclusive.

APPLICATION IS OPEN!



Schedule an Appointment to Learn More
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ABOUT US

NAF is a national non-profit organization that transforms the high school experience by bringing together secondary education, business, and community leaders to prepare students for college, career, and future success. NAF's design is uniquely comprehensive in its approach to skills development, enabling students of all backgrounds to participate in a meaningful education and is a proven, low-cost strategy for enhancing school systems and raising student achievement – primarily in under-invested in communities.

NAF academies fit within the high school setting and typically focus on one of five career pathways: Finance, Engineering, Health Sciences, Hospitality & Tourism, or Information Technology. The academies teach industry-specific curricula and connect the content to the real world, while businesses have the unique opportunity to shape America's future workforce by amplifying the learning environment to integrate work-based learning experiences, mentoring, internships, and more.

During the 2023-24 school year, more than 113,000 students attended 619 NAF academies across 34 states, plus Washington DC, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Island. In 2023, NAF academies reported 99% of seniors graduated with 89% of graduates planning to go to college.