



# NAFTrack

CERTIFICATION

NAFTrack Certification is achieved through an online system created by education and business leaders to assess college and career readiness. NAF uses a multi-method approach to assess students on a broad range of skills. Student performance is measured not only through end-of-course exams, but also through culminating projects and internships. Upon successful completion of NAFTrack Certification, students are eligible for NAFTrack Certified Hiring!

## *NAFTrack Certification helps students...*

- Make the connection between their high school coursework and their futures
- Reflect on their own learning in order to set goals for continuous improvement
- Gain proficiency in taking online assessments, which are becoming more prevalent in higher education
- Demonstrate the hard and soft skills they develop throughout their academy experience
- Get on track to NAFTrack Certified Hiring, a commitment made by top companies to give special consideration to NAFTrack certified job applicants

### *Culminating Projects*

Since NAF courses revolve around a culminating project, students work throughout the semester uploading work samples and answering 5 reflection questions per sample. These work samples illustrate mastery of content, progress of project work, and a variety of skills including collaboration and innovation.

\*Each NAF course has a culminating project, but academies may choose other approved certification pathways that do not include a culminating project.

### *End-of-Course Exams*

Students are assessed on a combination of multiple choice and constructed response questions where students exhibit mastery of not only the content of the course, but also of the following skills:

- Critical thinking, problem formulation, and problem solving
- Teamwork/collaboration
- Locating, comprehending, and evaluating information
- Listening and observation
- Written communication
- Quantitative reasoning
- Systems thinking

### *Internship Assessment*

Students are assessed by their internship provider. Internship requirements include:

- No less than federal (or local, if higher) subminimum training wage
- 120 hours. May consist of two 60+ hour internships
- Direct supervision by an adult who is not the student's teacher
- Work produced is of value to the employer
- Written individualized learning plan targeted to work-based learning outcomes