

# WAYS TO PARTNER WITH A NAF ACADEMY

## *West Mecklenburg High School*

Business partners are essential to the NAF educational design. They provide students with authentic work-based learning experiences and provide academy leaders with a critical bridge to industry. NAF seeks business partners to offer a range of experiences to students, which are detailed below. Activities vary in learning objectives for students and time commitments for volunteers, from one-day activities to longer-term, ongoing commitments.

	Volunteer Activities	Characteristics
One-Time & Short-Term Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guest speak in a classroom</li> <li>Host a worksite visit</li> <li>Present at a career fair</li> </ul>	<b><u>Career Awareness</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students build career awareness and begin to identify areas of interest</li> <li>Student's primary role is to observe, receive information, and ask questions to acquire knowledge</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volunteer for a student informational interview</li> <li>Host a job shadow</li> <li>Hold mock interviews</li> </ul>	<b><u>Career Exploration</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students gain deeper understanding of the workplace</li> <li>Students play an active role in the experience and apply knowledge in interactions with adults</li> </ul>

	Volunteer Activity	Description
Long-Term Engagement	Host an intern	<b><u>Career Preparation</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students apply learning through practical experiences with industry professionals</li> <li>Students engage in activities that have consequences beyond the classroom and can be evaluated by professionals</li> </ul>
	Join the advisory board	NAF advisory boards are groups of business partners working with the academy leadership to bring skills and knowledge to academy students through a set of work-based learning activities and industry relevant curriculum. Advisory board membership is the most comprehensive, ongoing way to contribute to academy staff and students. Typically, members serve for a minimum of one school year term and meet monthly.

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