

2024 EquiSTEP (Equine Safety, Training, and Education Program)

EquiSTEP is an annual statewide requirement for all youth participating in Ohio 4-H Horse Program activities and/or enrolled in a 4-H/FFA horse project. EquiSTEP replaces the statewide requirement of reading the *Horses, Safety, and You* (191R) resource and viewing the *Every Time, Every Ride* and *Horses, Kids, and Ethics* videos for youth and their families who are new to the 4-H horse program.

The EquiSTEP curriculum focuses on helmet safety, equine safety & handling, equine health & nutrition, and sportsmanship and is designed to rotate topics every year.

The EquiSTEP requirement must be completed by **June 1st**. There are two options to complete:

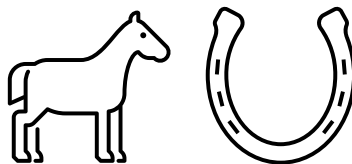
1. **Self-Paced Course**

To complete EquiSTEP **individually** each member must have their own email address (do NOT use a school email).

- Each member should sign up for the course at <http://go.osu.edu/equistep2024>
- Select 'Modules' to see the 5 steps.
- Watch the video(s) that corresponds with each step.
- Complete the quiz associated with the training. You will need to score at least a 7 out of 10 in order to pass the training.
- After scoring at least a 7 out of 10 on the quiz, complete the Certificate of Completion/Course Evaluation Survey. Both you and your county 4-H professional will be emailed a certificate that shows you have completed the EquiSTEP training.
- This certificate of completion is how the Fairfield County 4-H Program knows you have completed the EquiSTEP
- The EquiSTEP course, quiz, and certificate need to be completed by **June 1st**.

If there is one email address (do NOT use a school email) for **multiple** family members:

- The family should sign up for the course at <http://go.osu.edu/equistep2024>.
- Select 'Modules' to see the 5 steps.
- All horse exhibitors in the family, watch the video(s) that corresponds with each step.
- All horse exhibitors in the family, complete the quiz online at <http://go.osu.edu/equistep2024quiz>. You will need to score at least a 7 out of 10 in order to pass the training.
- All horse exhibitors in the family complete the Certificate of Completion/Course Evaluation Survey (https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_20p6MQhrrtvIK6) (Both you and your county 4-H professional will be emailed a certificate that notes you have completed the EquiSTEP training.
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2. Group Instruction

If you are having difficulty accessing the online course, we have found another way to complete the requirement. Below are direct links to all required videos.

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STEP 1: Head (Helmet Safety)

- EquiSTEP Helmet Safety Video: <https://youtu.be/mi8Cov-ydL4?feature=shared>

STEP 2: Hands (Equine Safety & Handling)

- Danger Zones Around the Horse: <https://youtu.be/jxCbllxnU4g?feature=shared>
- Approaching and Haltering a Horse: <https://youtu.be/0CABQdO1XAg?feature=shared>
- Horse Safety: Walking Behind a Horse: <https://youtu.be/kOczYfPKY9I?feature=shared>
- Picking out Feet: <https://youtu.be/hwx3uhKb33o?feature=shared>
- Safety Tying: <https://youtu.be/osVJM5V3fWA?feature=shared>

STEP 3: Health (Equine Health & Nutrition)

- Equine Preventative Health: <https://youtu.be/sq8P86JYiZl?feature=shared>

STEP 4: Heart (Sportsmanship)

- Dealing with Adversity: https://youtu.be/6a_NBfcMkpg?feature=shared

To complete training:

1. Please watch the videos listed above.
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