

Licking County 4-H EquiSTEP Program (2025)

Equine Safety, Training and Education Program (EquiSTEP) is an annual statewide requirement (beginning in 2023) for all youth participating in Ohio 4-H Horse Program activities. 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 topics for the 2025 EquiSTEP program are highlighted in bold below.

- STEP 1: Head (Helmet Safety)
 - Helmet Safety Video (Every Year)**
- STEP 2: Hands (Equine Safety & Handling)
 - YR 1 Equine Behavior
 - YR 2 Safety & Handling
 - YR 3 Tack & Equipment**
- STEP 3: Health (Equine Health & Nutrition)
 - YR 1 Assessing Horse Health
 - YR 2 Preventative Health
 - YR 3 Nutrition**
- STEP 4: Heart (Sportsmanship)
 - YR 1 Winning & Losing
 - YR 2 Dealing with Adversity
 - YR 3 Sportsmanship in Equestrian Sports**

EquiSTEP is designed to be completed online by each participant individually through Scarlet Canvas.

Here is the link to enroll in / access EquiSTEP: go.osu.edu/equistep2025

To complete EquiSTEP individually, a participant must enroll using their own unique email address. (Participants should not use their school email addresses as the course enrollment invitation will be blocked by the school's email system.) Participants must view all five videos (introduction and STEPS 1-4) which last approximately one hour in total. Once the videos are completed, participants will be able to access the 10-question quiz. Participants must complete the quiz associated with the training and achieve a minimum score of 7 (out of 10) in order to pass the training. Once the quiz is successfully completed, participants will need to complete the course survey to trigger a certificate of completion. The certificate will be emailed to the participant's email address and they should then forward a copy of the email to mccutcheon.46@osu.edu. The participant must select their correct county (in which they are enrolled in 4-H) and they must click on the submit button at the end of the survey to trigger the email.

If you have questions, please reach out to
Licking County 4-H Educator, Lisa McCutcheon (mccutcheon.46@osu.edu).
Deadline to complete training annually is June 1st.