



4-H EquiStep Program 2026

Equine Safety, Training, and Education Program (EquiSTEP) is an annual statewide requirement for all youth participating in Ohio 4-H Horse Program activities. 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 2026 EquiSTEP program are highlighted below.

- STEP 1: Head (Helmet Safety)
- STEP 2: Hands (Equine Safety & Handling)
- STEP 3: Health (Equine Health & Nutrition)
- STEP 4: Heart (Sportsmanship)

EquiSTEP is designed to be completed online by each participant individually through the Qualtrics platform.

Members can access EquiSTEP online: horse.osu.edu

>click EquiSTEP logo at bottom of page

EquiSTEP

>work through the modules

To complete EquiSTEP individually, a participant will enter their first and last name, along with their county of enrollment, then must view all video modules (introduction and STEPS 1-4). At the end of each video, the member will need to answer one or more questions. To complete the training successfully, the member must achieve a minimum score of 70% (7 correct of 10).

Once the modules and quiz are successfully completed, participants will need to enter their email address, to which they want their completion certificate sent. It's important that they do not provide a school email address, as many of the schools block automated emails. The certificate will be emailed to the participant and then they should then forward a copy of the email to holmes.468@osu.edu

If you have questions, please reach out to
Erie County 4-H Educator, Angie Holmes (holmes.468@osu.edu)

Deadline to complete training annually is May 10th

NOTE: If you have issues with the red arrow appearing at the bottom of the screen to advance to the next module, try using a different web browser.

