

Dane County 4-H Horse & Pony

2022-2023 Education Requirement Information

Welcome to all new and returning Dane County Horse & Pony project members. Please carefully review the Horse & Pony educational requirements for the 2022/2023 project year for those interested in showing at the Dane County Fair.

- **All youth planning to show at the Dane County Fair or WI 4-H State Horse Expo must meet the educational requirements below and submit their education card online by June 15, 2023.**
- **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED**
- Dane County Fair entry forms have a separate process. Please refer to the Dane County Fair website and Department 6 guidelines for additional information related to Fair deadlines and processes.
- The Dane County Fair [Horse and Pony Education Card](#) is found on the Dane County Fair Horse Department webpage. If using as a fillable pdf, before filling out, save the pdf to your computer with LastName.FirstName.Species (Ex.Clover.Chris.Horse).

Education requirements for Horse and Pony and Horseless Horse members to show at the Dane County Fair or WI 4-H State Horse Expo:

1. All members Grade 3 or higher are required to attend a Dane County 4-H Horse and Pony Education Safety Orientation clinic once prior to showing at the Dane County Fair. Members who have successfully completed a safety orientation in prior years do not need to repeat the training.
 - a. If youth were not able to attend the in person Safety Clinic on March 4, 2023, they may complete an online safety orientation. Directions are found on the [Dane County 4-H Horse & Pony webpage](#).
 - i. [Link to Online Safety Orientation information.](#)
2. **All participants are required to bring one declared project animal to at least one hands-on Dane County 4-H Horse & Pony approved clinic.** 4-H members in grade 13 who have participated in the Dane County Fair 2021 & 2022 with their horse are exempt from the 2023 educational requirement.
 - a. Dane County Horse and Pony Education Committee sponsored clinics are approved. Participation in these clinics will be verified by attendance rosters.
 - b. If there are extenuating circumstances, other hands on events/clinics will need to be approved by the 4-H Program Coordinator.
3. Participants must sign the roster for each Dane County Horse and Pony Education Committee event attended.
4. In order to receive full credit for the clinics, you must arrive on time and be in attendance for the entire session.
5. If attending a pre-approved event (not sponsored by the Dane County Horse and Pony Education Committee), the participant must have the clinician sign the education card.
6. If you need to cancel from a 4-H sponsored clinic you must contact the clinic coordinator at least 48 hours prior to the start of the clinic. You must also have a verbal/written confirmation from the clinic coordinator.
7. When attending a hands-on clinic with a project animal, 4-H members should always wear proper attire. This includes boots, long pants if riding western, breeches or jodhpurs if riding Hunt or Saddleseat, and an ASTM/SEI approved helmet. **NO TANK TOPS OR SHORTS.**
8. All 4-H members who participate in Dane County approved Horse and Pony events must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or parent designee if they are 15 years old or under.
9. **NO CELL PHONE USE DURING A CLINIC WHETHER AUDITING OR PARTICIPATING**

10. If these rules are violated, the consequences could include asking the child and/or animal to be removed from the clinic and/or withhold credit for the educational event.
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Private lessons, farrier appointments, vet appointments do not count toward the educational requirement.

Education Requirement Questions?

Email info@danecountyfair.com

Visit the Dane County 4-H website for Horse & Pony:

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/dane4hyouth/4-h-projects/horse-pony/>

Visit the Dane County Fair website for Horse & Pony Entry information:

<https://www.danecountyfair.com/p/youth-exhibitors/education-requirements--opportunities/horse--pony-department>

Information on Uploading Education Forms

After completing the education requirements, youth will upload the [Horse and Pony Education Card](#) on the Education Requirement Upload Portal:

- To qualify to show at the Dane County Fair with 4-H, FFA or other Dane County youth organization, youth exhibitors must meet species education requirements and submit proof by June 15, 2023 at 11:59pm.
- Access to a Google Account is required to upload documents in the portal. This helps keep documents secure. Youth can utilize their school account or utilize a family account. If the youth does not have access to a Google Account, please email info@danecountyfair.com for an alternative option.
- To upload the education card, please save the document as a JPEG, TIFF, or PDF. Youth can take a picture of the education card to upload. Upload documents at original size - **do not reduce size**.