

Get ready to Level Up with

HORSESENSE LEARNING LEVELS

The progressive Learning Levels curriculum teaches and tests students on riding skills, barn safety and horse knowledge. Our goal is to create compassionate, confident and well-rounded equestrians. We emphasize safe practices and equine welfare while having lots of fun!

To check off a Learning Levels skill, students must be able to demonstrate the objective consistently and confidently. **All objectives must be met and signed off by an instructor for students to earn a ribbon and graduate to the next Level.**

Students may be required to complete specific Levels in order to be eligible for specific activities and events.



INTRODUCTORY → BEGINNER → INTERMEDIATE → ADVANCED

WHAT CAN YOU LEARN THROUGH THE LEVELS?



HORSESENSE LEVELS cover all of the unmounted skills and knowledge required to safely understand, train, stable and care for horses.

There are seven HorseSense Levels. The first Level, **Red Level**, introduces basic horse safety and handling. The final Level, **Teal Level**, prepares a student to manage an equine facility, maintain a performance horse, and/or pursue an equine career.

HORSEMANSHIP LEVELS concentrate on the student's ability in the saddle, culminating in a rider who is balanced, educated and confident, able to ride a trained horse with skill and empathy.

There are seven Horsemanship Levels. The first Level, **Red Level**, introduces basic horse safety and riding at the walk and trot/jog. Most recreational riders can progress through **Blue** or **Orange Level**. **Purple** and **Teal Level** are for dedicated riders ready to learn advanced skills.



RAINBOW LEVEL is a special Horsemanship Level for very young riders, ages 5-8, who may not be able to safely complete the objectives of our regular Levels program.

This Level includes riding, horse knowledge, and simple horse care skills. Students ride on the leadline and can perform all tasks with the assistance of their instructor or a Ground Buddy.

HORSECENTERED LEVELS teach groundwork and horse training skills, with an emphasis on developing leadership, empathy and partnership.

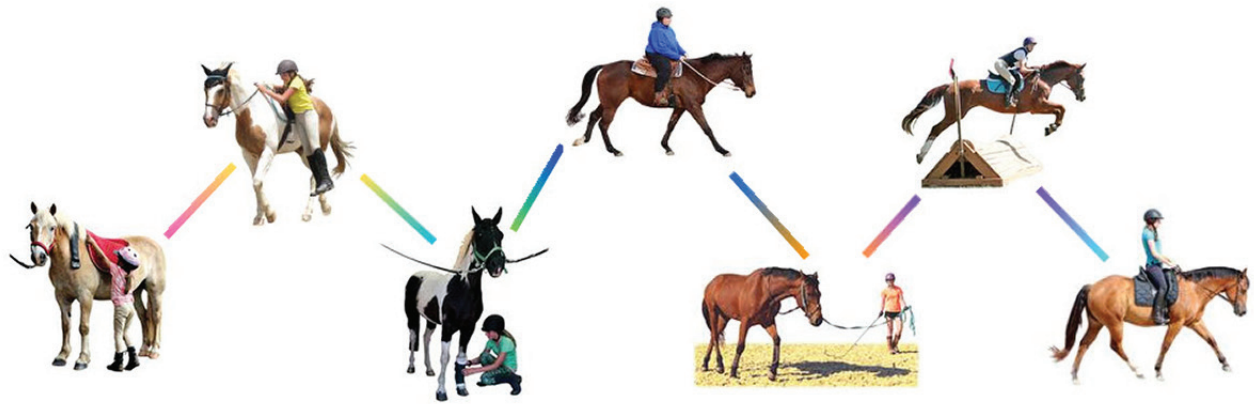
Students can earn **Pink**, **White** and **Gold Level** ribbons by learning about equine communication and conquering a variety of training challenges. While these classes can boost progress in the saddle, students will also discover just how many ways they can fun with a horse on the ground!



Download your own copy of each curriculum at:

<https://horsesenselearninglevels.com/learning-levels/the-levels-curriculum/>

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE LEARNING LEVELS CURRICULUM?



- 🐾 **You can see the big picture of your equine education.** There is SO much to learn about horses - both in and out of the saddle.
- 🐾 **You can easily see the requirements for advancing.** The curriculum shows you exactly what you need to learn before cantering, trail riding, owning/leasing a horse, etc.
- 🐾 **You can easily set achievable goals** - and celebrate milestones in your horsemanship journey!
- 🐾 **Earning Levels proves your knowledge and skill**, and qualifies you to participate in special events such as camps, competitions and outings.
- 🐾 **Working through the Levels in order will make you safer** and help you feel confident in your horsemanship abilities.
- 🐾 **You can earn awards to display and show off to friends and family**, whether you choose to compete or not.
- 🐾 **You can participate in lessons and events with students working toward the same goals**, accelerating your progress and creating lifelong friends.

Let's Level Up together!