

HorseSense Learning Levels
HORSESENSE CURRICULUM:

GREEN LEVEL

The **Green HorseSense Level** expands students' knowledge of equine health and safety while broadening their horsey horizons.

This Level covers **basic first aid and stable management practices** along with the knowledge necessary for ethical equestrian activities, such as **tack fitting** and **fitness for horse and rider**.

WHO IS GREEN LEVEL FOR?

-  Students who have **completed the Red and Yellow HorseSense Levels**.
-  **Students and parents** interested in learning more about horsekeeping and the realities of horse ownership.
-  **Students** interested in leasing a lesson horse in the future.
-  **Students** who are interested in trail riding, competing, exercising horses, etc. - outside of your direct supervision.
-  **Volunteers, working students**, or anyone you want to trust to handle and care for your horses independently.
-  **Enthusiastic, self-directed learners** eager to discover more about horses and horse care.

WHAT DOES GREEN LEVEL TEACH?

-  **The importance of evaluating tack fit** along with basic guidelines for assessing saddles, halters and bridles.
-  **Parts of an equine first aid kit** and the intended purpose of each item.
-  **Basic bandaging skills**, including the uses and application of a stable wrap.
-  **Preventative care** required to maintain a horse's health throughout the year.
-  **How to administer dewormer** and **estimate the horse's weight**.
-  **Horse sports** and breeds that excel at various disciplines.
-  **Equine fitness timelines** and the importance of preparation for activities such as trail riding.

All serious equestrians need Green HorseSense knowledge and skills.

We use this Level as a prerequisite for many opportunities within our program, including the ability to lease and compete. As our students gain independence, they also gain responsibility, whether they own their own horse or work with a lesson mount. This Level is particularly important for riders interested in trail riding or equestrian sport as it emphasizes the importance of preparation.

Expect that your students will need some dedicated unmounted practice to master **Green Level** barn skills! Independent study may also be required for learning about breeds and disciplines.

