

HORSESENSE CURRICULUM:

YELLOW LEVEL

The **Yellow HorseSense Level** is the second Level in the HorseSense curriculum, designed to build on **Red Level** knowledge while giving students the skills necessary to pitch in around the barn.

This Level introduces more **horsey terminology** along with some **basic horse care skills** – and helps students understand just how much there is to learn about keeping horses safe and healthy!

WHO IS YELLOW LEVEL FOR?

- 🐾 Students who have **completed Red HorseSense Level**.
- 🐾 **Riding lesson students** who may be expected to assist with routine barn chores such as blanketing and feeding.
- 🐾 **Volunteers, working students**, or anyone you want to trust to handle and care for your horses independently.
- 🐾 **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.
- 🐾 **Anyone who cleans school horse tack** on a regular basis!

WHAT DOES YELLOW LEVEL TEACH?

- 🐾 **How to safely put on and remove** horse blankets and protective boots.
- 🐾 **Tack cleaning** and assembly.
- 🐾 **Essential horse identification terms** including coat colors, markings, basic breeds and breed types.
- 🐾 **Understanding of the equine digestive process** and the “reasons for the rules” related to feeding.
- 🐾 **Normal TPR ranges** and reasons for taking vital signs.
- 🐾 **Signs of colic** along with common causes - and consequences.
- 🐾 **How to identify a veterinary emergency**, including injury, illness and lameness.

It takes HorseSense to be helpful around the barn.

This Level is designed to create confident, trustworthy volunteers, full of skills and concepts that we found necessary for students working in the barn. (Including the ability to recognize a situation where they should ask for help!)

Students enrolled in traditional mounted lessons can complete **Yellow Level** through regular horse care chores, pre-ride skill demonstrations and discussion breaks.

However, a few objectives - such as bridle assembly - will be easier with dedicated unmounted lesson and practice time. A small amount of independent study and review may be required for students to master all of the terminology in this Level.

