



Louisiana 4-H Youth Development
SCHOOL CURRICULUM PROGRAMS
2023-2024

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What is 4-H School Enrichment?

School Enrichment is a partnership between the LSU AgCenter 4-H Program and a school to provide educational content in various subject areas. Extension values its relationship with the schools and welcomes the opportunity to provide research-based curricula for classroom use.

A key goal of 4-H School Enrichment is also to expose youth to other 4-H experiences, such as the 4-H Club. Research shows that youth spending time in long-term, positive youth programs, such as 4-H, are less likely to become involved in high-risk behaviors, have higher school attendance and grades, better conflict management practices, and better work habits. 4-H School Enrichment can give youth and parents a picture of the benefits of a longer commitment to 4-H.

Definition of 4-H School Enrichment

The national definition of school enrichment is “groups of youth receiving a sequence of learning experiences in cooperation with school officials during school hours, to support the school curriculum. It involves direct teaching by Extension staff or trained volunteers, including teachers” (National 4-H School Enrichment Survey). School-aged youth receive a well-planned sequence of learning experiences during regular school hours. A series of lessons broaden and/or supplement the regular curriculum. Extension personnel, trained volunteers, or the regular classroom teachers conduct lessons.

The success of School Enrichment depends on effective programming that meets the academic needs of youth and satisfies current state standards. The goal of 4-H School Enrichment is to provide educational programming to enrich and supplement the formal school curriculum. Students will be able to relate their academic preparation to real world experiences through this linkage to Extension and community educators. Extension provides research-based curricula and teaching methods within the context of school settings.

Benefits of 4-H School Enrichment

1. Increases the capacity of schools by
 - providing teachers and students with trustworthy, balanced educational experiences supported by LSU AgCenter and other land-grant university research;
 - delivering learning experiences using current theories on educational attainment (i.e., experiential learning cycles, active learning strategies, youth development best practices, etc.); and
 - offering students a way to extend their learning by offering afterschool time experiences with 4-H through clubs, summer residential and day camps, contest and events, and workshops.
2. Increases the capacity of Extension to reach large numbers of youth, makes 4-H available to all youth, increases the public image of 4-H and can increase the support base for 4-H.
3. Provides research-based curricula that are unbiased and evaluated for effectiveness by LSU AgCenter Extension, other land-grant universities and/or a national jury of 4-H National Headquarters.
4. Delivered through the Experiential Learning Model.
5. Uses materials that are age appropriate.
6. Helps children/youth develop life skills.
7. Provides an opportunity to develop/extend a cooperative relationship between schools and Extension.
8. Increases the capacity of Extension to reach large numbers of youth in the community, makes 4-H available to all youth, increases the public image of 4-H, and increases the support base for 4-H.

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Financial Management

The Louisiana 4-H Living Your Financial Experience Program is a research-based experiential learning program that is designed to support Louisiana schools in efforts to provide financial education for students across the state. Throughout the experience, students will delve into the economics of consumer decision-making, practice strategies to achieve financial independence and sharpen their life skills in the process. The program challenges students to identify needs versus wants, set goals, practice budgeting and navigate LYFE- sized challenges. It also provides opportunities to engage local community members and industry partners in the learning process.

Grades: 9th to 12th

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Life Skill Development

The Louisiana 4-H Cloverbuds program is designed to foster skill development, including cognitive, social, and emotional learning for youth. The program is noncompetitive and will enhance cooperative learning and teamwork. A series of six lessons focusing on self-awareness, individuality, dealing with disappointment, and manners.

Grades: 1st to 3rd

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The Louisiana 4-H Stand Strong: Creating a Culture of Caring is a curriculum designed for youth grades 5th-8th. The curriculum should be used in classrooms, club meetings and/or after school enrichment settings, and is designed to be facilitated by instructors (teachers, 4-H agents, volunteers, etc.). It consists of three units that allow participants to become more aware of the forms of bullying and that provide strategies for managing anger, resolving conflicts, and forming healthy relationships.

Grades: 5th to 8th

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Health

The Louisiana 4-H Health Rocks! program focuses on bringing youth, families and communities together to reduce the use of tobacco, alcohol and drugs. This curriculum is full of hands-on lessons that engage youth in learning. Utilizing a "teens as teachers" model, youth are educated and encouraged to take part in the lessons and become advocates in their families, schools, and communities. In addition, to education on prevention of tobacco, alcohol and drug use; youth are taught life- skill development and decision making. Creating a program that increases life-skills and decision making will increase the effectiveness of the overall goal of reducing tobacco, alcohol and drug use with youth.

Grades: 6th to 8th

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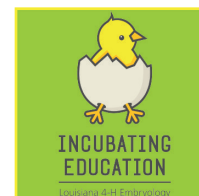
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Sciences

The Louisiana 4-H Incubating Education is a school enrichment program connecting Louisiana agriculture and life science learning together in the classroom for third and eighth grades.

Grades: 3rd and 8th
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The Louisiana 4-H Youth Wetlands program develops and provides lessons aligned with Louisiana Student Standards for Science and BSCS's 5E Instructional Model for grades 4-12. Recognizing the need to provide timely updates to lesson content in order to stay current with educational standards, the program developed an online lesson delivery platform that launched in the 2019 - 2020 school year. This innovative system provides access to YWP's Lessons and Activities, Resources Library, learning progression feedback, and allows for teachers to view and track student data.

Grades: 4th to 12th
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The Team Up for Tiger program is tailored to the needs of elementary-aged children from kindergarten to fifth grade. The resources found within focus on tiger conservation in the 13 tiger-range countries. This program is designed to teach children about 1) the current status of the wild tigers, 2) the culture and the people of a particular tiger range country, 3) threats to the tiger population, 4) Tigers United and our tiger conservation work and 5) how everyone can help save wild tigers.

Grades: Kindergarten - 5th
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Seeds start small. But do you know what happens when they have sunshine, water, and care? They grow into big, beautiful fruits and vegetables. Like seeds, people need care to grow big and strong. They need education, support, and resources. And that is exactly what Seeds to Success, the Louisiana Farm to School Program, provides.

Seeds to Success strives to enrich the connection communities have with fresh, healthy food and local food producers by changing food purchasing and education practices at schools and preschools.

Grades: Kindergarten - 12th
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The Cloverbud Ag Awareness curriculum is a series of 6 lessons that provide a link between youth and farming. Where does our food and fiber come from? This lessons provide resources to build a greater understanding of agriculture for students in the 2nd and 3rd grade. Agriculture touches the lives of youth every day through nutrition, textiles/fibers, and fuel. Agriculture also provides a wide array of jobs, supports local/state economies, and insures a food supply for citizens. Topics for lessons included: Horticulture/gardening, Plant Science/cotton, Forestry/conservation, Poultry Science/eggs, Soil Science/composting, and overall agriculture/food production. Each lesson set included: lesson plan, ag literacy trade book, two or three hands on activities, an activity guide/ newsletter for home/school connection.

Grades: 2nd to 3rd
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