Kansas 4-H Learning Pathway

From exploration to hands-on-skill building, young people can find their way to success in life and career. This pathway guides the benefits of learning-by-doing by growing a career-ready generation.

Explore

“I Might Like to Do This.”
Youth who explore a variety of interests before high school, through experiences like 4-H camps and educational events, can develop early interest in a career path and improve their academic performance.

Learn

“I Can Do This.”
4-H project-based learning, guided by adult volunteers, improves youth understanding of skills and concepts, as well as their ability to problem-solve and collaborate.

Practice

“I’m Interested in This.”
Youth who have participated in sustained hands-on learning and engaged with professional mentors and volunteers before entering high school are more likely to explore studies and potential career paths.

Experience

“I Will Be This.”
Real-world application is key. 91% of Kansas 4-H members have a plan for reaching their goals. Youth that have been active participants in hands-on learning, combined with strong decision-making skills are more able to effectively navigate life.

Possible Stops on the 4-H Pathway

- Hands-on activities, educational events, field trips, day camps, afterschool programs, school enrichment, overnight camps and guest speakers
- Curriculum workbooks, self-guided learning, volunteer-lead learning, collaborative learning, goal setting, educational events and problem solving
- Project exhibition & display public presentations, peer-to-peer teaching & learning, local & state project leadership, citizenship and service, record keeping, science & agriculture challenge, judging contests, skill-a-thons/quiz bowls
- Project evaluation, interviews, resumé building, job shadowing, social networking, industry connections, civic engagement, state 4-H conferences & trainings, recruitment & scholarships, higher education opportunities