

Unit wide meeting/activity policy

Every enrolled 4-H member must attend a *minimum* of four 4-H sponsored meetings, activities, or events during the current 4-H year (September 1 - show day) in order to be eligible for 4-H exhibition, premiums, or other 4-H awards and recognition.

4-H Member Performance Standards of Excellence

In order for 4-H members to be eligible for awards and recognition, they must complete all of the performance standards for their age group and submit a Washington County 4-H Permanent Member Record. Members submitting their records for review, but not achieving performance standards status, will be presented with a participation certificate only.

Level 1 Achievement (Ages 8-11)

Standards to Achieve:

1. Establish plans for member's project and make report to leader and Extension Office by completing project goal sheets upon project enrollment. *(effective beginning fall 2017)*
2. Attend at least 50% of club meetings after enrolling.
3. Share project/activity experiences by giving a presentation, talk or demonstration at the club level.
4. Exhibit a project at the 4-H show or other approved 4-H culminating event. (Contact the Extension Office for special/unique culminating event approval.)
5. Participate in at least two 4-H club activities.

Level 2 Achievement (Ages 12-14)

Standards to Achieve:

1. Establish plans for member's project and make report to leader and Extension Office by completing project goal sheets upon project enrollment. *(effective beginning fall 2017)*
2. Attend at least 50% of club meetings after enrolling.
3. Share project/activity experiences by giving a presentation, talk or demonstration at the club level.
4. Exhibit a project at the 4-H show or other approved 4-H culminating event. (Contact the Extension Office for special/unique culminating event approval.)
5. Participate in at least three 4-H club activities.
6. Hold an office in your 4-H club, serve as a Jr. Leader or 4-H Buddy or serve on a committee.
(Committees are appointed to gather information, decide on the details, develop a plan, set a budget, and then report to the club for approval and/or make recommended changes. Showing up strictly to help work an event or for example, to put gift baskets or a scarecrow together = participation and should NOT be counted as committee work.)
7. Participate in at least one 4-H activity at the county, unit, multi-county, state, national or international level. (County fair and State Fair do NOT count for this requirement.)

Level 3 Achievement (Ages 15-18)

Standards to Achieve:

1. Establish plans for member's project and make report to leader and Extension Office by completing project goal sheets upon project enrollment. *(effective beginning fall 2017)*
2. Attend at least 50% of club meetings after enrolling.
3. Share project/activity experiences by giving a presentation, talk or demonstration at the club level.
4. Exhibit a project at the 4-H show or other approved 4-H culminating event. (Contact the Extension Office for special/unique culminating event approval.)
5. Participate in at least three 4-H club activities.
6. Hold an office in your 4-H club, serve as a Jr. Leader or 4-H Buddy or serve on a committee.
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7. Participate in at least two 4-H activities at the county, unit, multi-county, state, national or international level. (County fair and State Fair do NOT count for this requirement.)
8. Assist in planning/conducting 4-H programs at the county level or beyond.
(These programs can include assisting the county 4-H Federation group and/or 4-H Program Coordinator OR helping your local club plan/provide a 4-H opportunity that is open to others outside of your club. You should have a direct hand by either serving on the committee or chairing the planning group, supervising the events of the day, or working at a particular task at the event for a duration of the time. This is above and beyond just participation.)