

Iowa 4-H K-12 Outreach: What Extension Councils Need to Know

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Welcome! We're glad you're here!

Ice Breaker: In the chat box, share...

- Your name
- Your county
- Does your county have a K-12 Outreach educator?
- What do you hope to learn tonight?



What is K-12 Outreach?

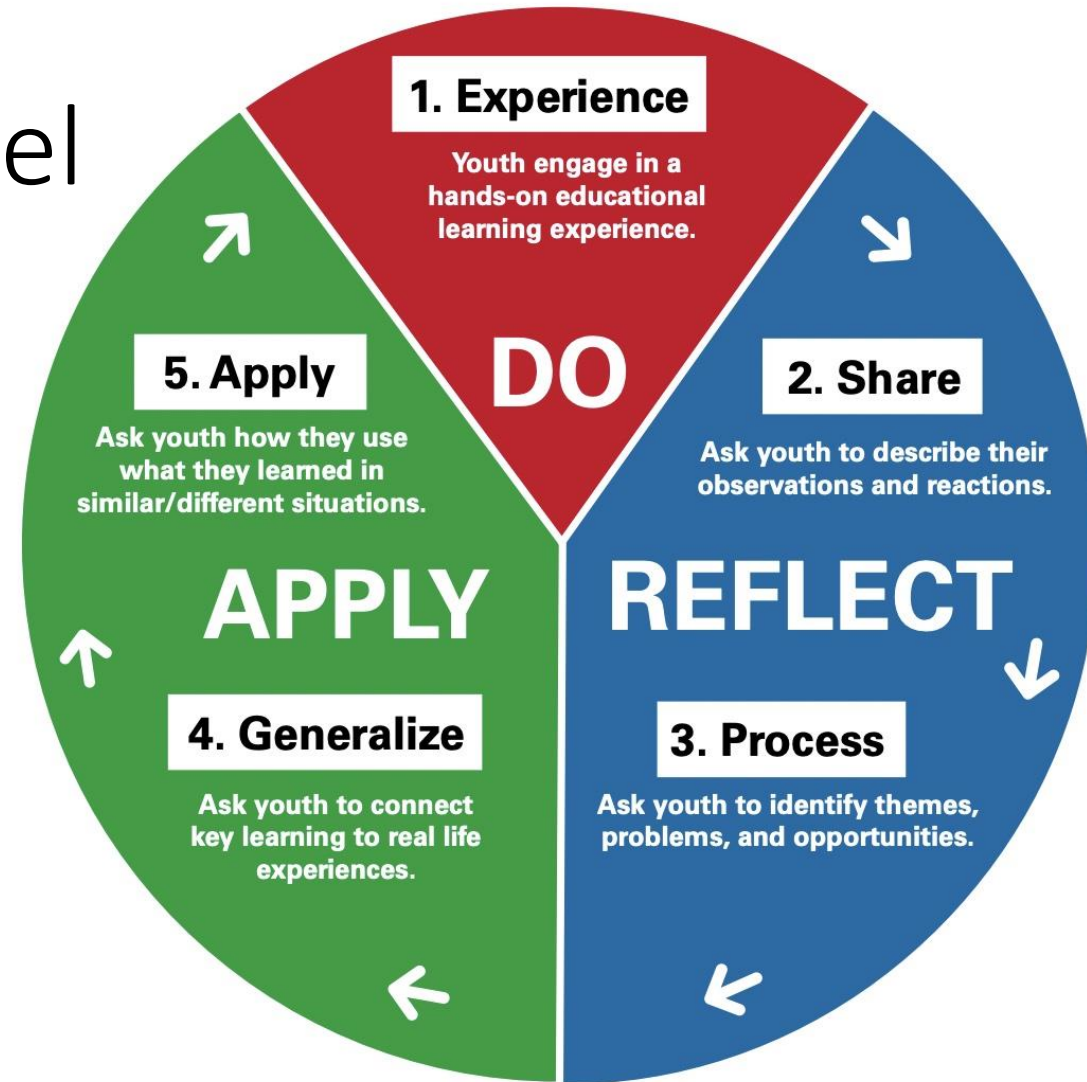
4-H learning opportunities that occur in a K-12 educational setting.

K-12 Outreach is an opportunity to partner with schools or before/after school partners to support classroom learning and educational standards with hands-on learning experiences.



Experiential Learning Model

1. Participant(s) **experience** the activity—perform or do it.
2. Participant(s) **share** the experience by describing what happened.
3. Participant(s) **process** the experience to determine what was most important and identify common themes.
4. Participant(s) **generalize** from the experience and relate it to their daily lives.
5. Participant(s) **apply** what they learned to a new situation.



Based on the Kolb Learning Model (1975) and Bybee's Learning Cycle (1977).



Characteristics of K-12 Outreach

- Typically occurs in a school during, immediately before, or immediately after school hours.
- May be facilitated by a K-12 Outreach professional or another county youth professional.
- 4-H experiences are defined as six or more educational contact hours.
- Provides 4-H experiences to young people who may not participate in 4-H club programming.
 - An opportunity to promote 4-H club membership opportunities.



Why do some counties have K-12 Outreach educators?

- County Youth Coordinators (or other title variations) have a lot on their plate – not enough time in schedule.
- County extension council values opportunity to partners with local school district(s) & extend 4-H program to more youth.
 - Offers huge potential for program growth/reach.
 - Opportunity to reach underserved/unserved youth.
- Help support summer day camp opportunities in addition to school outreach.



Challenges with K-12 Outreach

- Council members or other staff members understanding K-12 role
- Finding candidates for the positions – unique skill set, helpful if they have a background in education
- Can be challenging to get into some schools or districts
- Finding funds to support a second youth position, curriculum, and resources



Promoting Additional Opportunities

- Before or after school clubs
- Promoting club opportunities during outreach
- Promoting summer day camps or residential camps during outreach
- Robotics program/competition group



What K-12 Outreach professionals want you to know

- “Role role can be just as valuable as a CYC, and we help more kids have a 4-H experience.”
- “Counties can pool resources to support more opportunities.”
- “These 4-H experiences are great for kids who might otherwise be unable to participate in 4-H because of family situations or other reasons.”



What questions do you have about K-12 Outreach?

I will respond where I am able, or I will record your questions and connect with you after the presentation with answers.



Thank You

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