

Required Reading: Rules for Participants at HorseSense Therapeutic Riding Center

1. All required forms must be fully completed, signed, and submitted before an applicant will be considered for a HorseSense program.
2. All children **must** be supervised at all times while at HorseSense. A parent or guardian accompanying the student must remain in the immediate area at all times while the student is participating in a program at HorseSense.
3. If a HorseSense staff member deems that anyone on the premises who accompanied a student is creating an unsafe environment for the students, horses, volunteers and/or staff, they will be asked to leave the property and the student they accompanied will forfeit all or part of his/her ride time.
4. All participants and visitors must walk at all times on the premises and not bring items that may be distracting such as balloons or noise-making toys.
5. Students should be punctual for classes so everyone can ride for their allotted time. Students arriving more than 10 minutes late may not be able to ride.
6. Mounted lessons typically last 30 or 45 minutes; however the instructor may shorten the lesson as is appropriate for the student. Mounted lessons will be conducted in the outdoor arena and may be changed to ground lessons due to weather (rain, high winds, excessive heat etc.) or horse health issues.
7. Students must be dressed appropriately for horse related activities or they will not be permitted to ride. This should include, but is not limited to:
 1. Comfortable, closed-toe and closed-heel shoes and socks
 2. Long pants
 3. Weather appropriate attire (jacket, gloves, etc.)
8. All students must wear an ASTM-SEI certified riding helmet to participate, which HorseSense provides. If a student brings a personal riding helmet, it must be approved by the instructor and be less than five years old.
9. Prior to taking any photos or videotaping, the parent, instructor, and volunteers must all grant permission. Do not use flash photography.
10. Personal pets are **not allowed** on HorseSense premises.
11. HorseSense is a tobacco, drug and alcohol free environment. Smoking is strictly prohibited in all areas on the premises. Anyone showing signs of intoxication or substance impairments will be asked to leave the premises immediately. Second offenses will result in being permanently banned from all HorseSense programs and events.
12. HorseSense strives to provide a safe, supportive, and compassionate environment. Hostile or threatening behavior of any kind will not be tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to, physical or verbal abuse, gossip, insults, ridicule, harassment or discrimination of any kind. This is a judgment free zone for ALL.
13. In the event of an incident or emergency, each person in the areas should stay calm and listen for instructions from the riding instructor in charge. Given the unpredictable nature of horses, it is best for everyone to remain still and silent unless it is necessary to move out of harm's way.