

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

PLEASE NOTE: Any changes/updates from the previous year will be *BOLDED and ITALICIZED*! Pay special attention to any projects with *BOLD, ITALICIZED WORDS* because they have changed from last year.

Youth will learn about developmental stages of infants, toddlers and young children.

Completion, exhibition participation, and State Fair information for Child Development			
Division/Level	Grades (suggested)	Completion Activities Needed*	Maximum State Fair Entries
Level A	Grades 3-4	EXHIBITION –or– RECORD SHEET	1 Entry
Level B	Grades 5-6	EXHIBITION –or– RECORD SHEET	1 Entry
Level C	Grades 7-9	EXHIBITION –or– RECORD SHEET	1 Entry
Level D	Grades 10-12	EXHIBITION –or– RECORD SHEET	1 Entry

Remember: All posters, notebooks, and display boards **MUST** include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the way references are listed. Reference Sheets are available at the Extension Office for use if needed. For personal safety, do not include personally identifiable information such as mailing address or phone numbers on posters/displays/exhibits.

SUGGESTED REFERENCE MATERIALS (available for purchase in Extension Office or shop4-h.org)

- Level A: Building a Bright Beginning
- Level B: Building Blocks of Learning
- Level C: Building a Strong Foundation
- Level D: Building Relationships Toward a Brighter Tomorrow

GUIDELINES

1. Refer to the Hendricks County 4-H Policies, Entry & Exhibit Guidelines for poster and general display guidelines.
2. ***Artificial Intelligence (AI) may be used, with parent permission, when creating this exhibit and is to be documented as a reference. A majority of the work to create this exhibit is to be the 4-H member's original work.***
3. Be sure to enroll in the project on 4-HOnline and enter exhibit information into FairEntry by designated date. ***2025 designated FairEntry Deadline is Tuesday, July 1st at 11:59 p.m.***
4. Complete the Record Sheet (if not exhibiting at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair).
5. Activities may be designed to be displayed on the floor, but please be considerate of space availability. Each item is to be labeled with the 4-H member's name, county, and club so fair staff can keep all components together if it needs to be moved after judging is complete.
6. Notebooks are to include the following:
 - Identification on the front showing 4-H member's name, county, club, grade, and year in project.
 - Title page naming the activity.
 - Pages explaining how activity was developed and is to be used.
 - Photographs showing how the activity was used along with assembly.
 - Explanation of skills learned and any additional information to share with the reader.

EXHIBIT CLASSES

Level A: Grades 3-4 (suggested)

- Create and exhibit a poster, display, or notebook about a manual activity. Other similar activities are permissible.

Level B: Grades 5-6 (suggested)

- Create and exhibit a poster, display, or notebook about a manual activity. Other similar activities are permissible.

Level C: Grades 7-9 (suggested)

- Create and exhibit a poster, display, or notebook about a manual activity. Other similar activities designed to help develop physical, emotional, or cognitive skills are permissible.

Level D: Grades 10-12 (suggested)

- Create and exhibit a poster, display, or notebook about a manual activity. Other similar activities designed to help develop physical, emotional or cognitive skills are permissible.