

What is Canvas?



Canvas is an Online Learning Management Software Program. It is available through any web browser or as an app on your smartphone or mobile device. It streamlines classroom work to one location where teachers can post and grade assignments, and students can complete work and receive feedback from teachers. Canvas was adopted by the State of North Carolina in 2014 for all public school districts. UNCC (University of North Carolina at Charlotte), CPCC (Central Piedmont Community College), and NCVPS (North Carolina Virtual Public Schools) have also adopted the use of Canvas.

To find out more about Canvas: <https://www.canvaslms.com/k-12/>

How do parents access Canvas?

Generating a Student Pairing Code

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Step 1: Student Generates a Pairing Code

1. Student logs into Canvas
2. Click *Account*
3. Click *Settings*
4. Click *Pair with Observer*
5. Write down pairing code

The screenshot displays the Canvas user interface. On the left is a red navigation sidebar with icons for Account, Dashboard, Courses, Calendar, Inbox, and Help. The main content area shows the 'Settings' page. A modal dialog box titled 'Pair with Observer' is open in the foreground, containing the text: 'Share the following pairing code with an observer to allow them to connect with you. This code will expire in seven days, or after one use.' Below the text is a text input field containing the code 'qAthPm', which is highlighted with a red box. An 'OK' button is located at the bottom right of the dialog. In the background, the 'Settings' page has a 'Pair with Observer' button highlighted with a red circle and the number '3'. The navigation sidebar has 'Account' and 'Settings' highlighted with red circles and the numbers '1' and '2' respectively. The dialog box has a red circle and the number '4' next to the pairing code field.

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Step 2: Create a Parent Account & Pair Student

1. Go to <https://cms.instructure.com/login/canvas>
2. Click *Parent of a Canvas User?*
3. Complete the form
4. Enter the pairing code from Step 1
5. Click *Start Participating*

The image shows two screenshots from the Canvas interface. The left screenshot is the main Canvas login page, which is dark red. It features the Canvas logo, a 'Parent of a Canvas User?' link highlighted with a red box, and a 'Browse courses' link. Below these are 'Login' and 'Password' input fields, a 'Log In' button, and a 'Stay signed in' checkbox. At the bottom, there are links for 'Help', 'Privacy policy', 'Acceptable Use Policy', 'Facebook', and 'Twitter', and the word 'INSTRUCTURE'.

The right screenshot is the 'Parent Signup' form, which is white. It contains fields for 'Your Name', 'Your Email', 'Password', and 'Re-enter Password'. Below these is a 'Student Pairing Code' field with the value 'gA8bPm' highlighted by a red box. To the right of this field is a link that says 'What is a pairing code?'. At the bottom of the form, there is a checkbox for 'You agree to the terms of use and acknowledge the privacy policy.' and two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Start Participating', with the latter highlighted by a red box. A large red arrow points from the 'Parent of a Canvas User?' link in the first screenshot to the 'Parent Signup' form in the second.

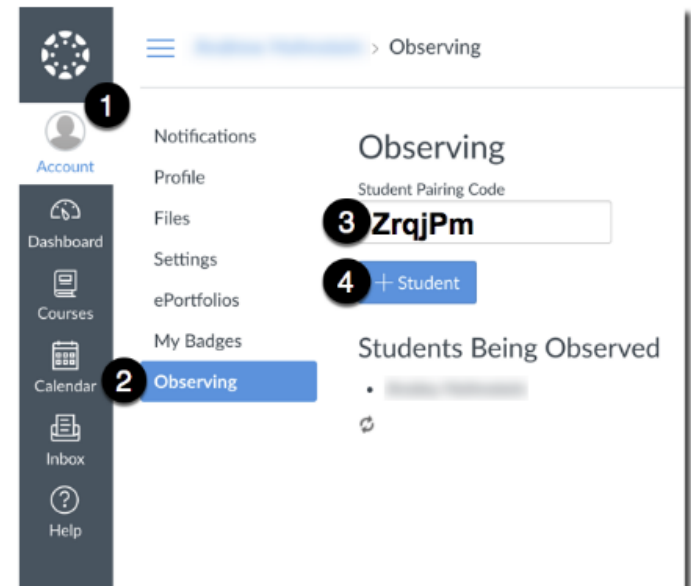
Need to pair additional children?

Parents can pair additional children by having each additional child generate a pairing code (see Step 1) And entering the pairing code into Canvas.

Once you have the pairing code, log into Canvas (<https://cms.instructure.com/login/canvas>)

1. Click *Account*
2. Click *Observing*
3. Enter pairing code
4. Click *+Student* button

The student should now be visible under *Students Being Observed*



Canvas Parent App



Available for smartphones and mobile devices and found in the Google Play and Apple App Store.

Install the Canvas Parent App on Android Devices
(Android smart phones or tablets)



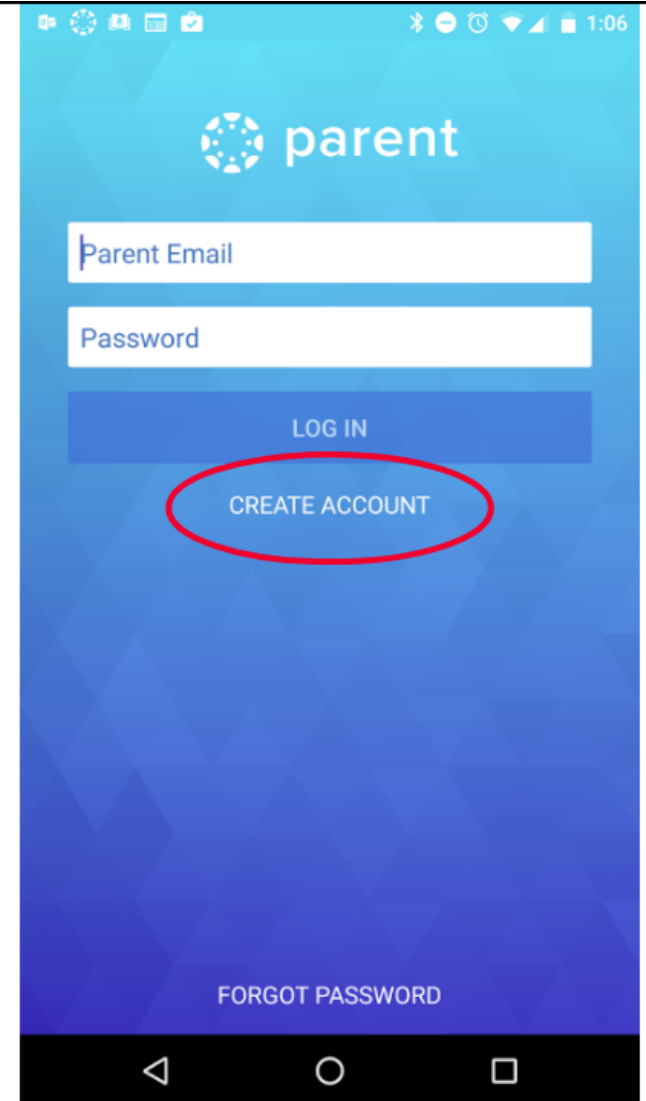
Install the Canvas Parent App on iOS Devices
(iPhone or iPad)



First Time Accessing The Parent App


Select "CREATE ACCOUNT" the first time you access the app.

Once you have created your account, you can log into the parent app from any device.



Enter student's institution

Enter "cms" in the "student's institution" field.


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What's your school's name?


Find your school or district

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What's your school's name?

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College of Mount Saint Vincent

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Once you have set up your Canvas Parent Account on a computer, then you can set up the app on your phone.

Note under Notifications you can set up how often you would like to be notified of your student work both on the app and on the computer.

Your student's courses

You may not see any courses if the teacher has not published their course for your student to see it.

When courses are available, you will be able to see assignment details such as due dates as well as your student's work submitted for that assignment.

