

How to create an Observer account for parents on Canvas

Why do you need one? As an observer the parent can see what is happening in their child's Canvas courses. It is possible to follow all of your children under a single Observer sign-in.

The information below describes how the student and parent work together to create an **observer** account for the parent to see what is happening in their child's Canvas courses. As an **observer** the parent does not have an active role in Canvas, meaning they may not interact with the course by submitting assignments, participating in discussions, etc.

The process begins with the student creating a pairing code to give to their parent. The parent can use this code to create an account in Canvas to monitor their student's Canvas account. Below are some links to explain how students can generate the codes for parents and how parents use the code to create an observer account.

- How students can generate a pairing code:
<https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-15036-4212938128>
- Process for parents to create an account when they have a code:
<https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-10913-414473163>
 - The link above uses the generic "schoolname.instructure.com". The actual link parents will need for our Canvas environment is:
"dpsk12.instructure.com/login/canvas".

The student and parent each have separate instructions to follow. The code will expire 7 days after it's generated. Once setup, the observer account will work via the web login listed above and it will also work on the Canvas Parent smart phone app.