



CANVAS GUIDE FOR *Parents*

Mid-Del is using a learning management system called Canvas to help students, teachers, and parents effectively continue learning during remote days. **Canvas will be used by all in person students and is an important piece of the A/B schedule. Canvas will not be used by our Mid-Del Virtual Academy students.**

What is a Learning Management System? A Learning Management System (LMS) is a way to simplify teaching and learning by connecting all digital tools teachers, students and parents use into one place.

Why are teachers using Canvas?

Teachers can use Canvas to:

- Personalize learning for students
- Receive and grade student assignments, discussions, and quizzes.
- Easily align assignments and rubrics to standards and/or learning objectives.
- Provide students with written, audio, or video feedback and multiple revision/submission opportunities.
- Organize all work and course-related events into one, drag-and-drop calendar.

Why might a student benefit from working in Canvas?

Students can use Canvas to:

- Access class materials (calendar, assignments, quizzes, etc.) online using any device or any browser.
- Track their progress through ongoing teacher feedback tools.
- Receive course announcements, grade notifications, etc. instantaneously on their preferred device(s).
- Easily collaborate with peers and teachers.

Canvas Parent App

The Canvas parent app is a simplified version of student view. With the Canvas Parent app, you can view a student's course events, upcoming assignments, and grades. You can also add and view multiple students in your account.

[Parent App on an Android device](#)

[Parent App on an iOS device](#)

As a parent or guardian, you need to be linked to a student. This is done with a Pairing Code. Your child will need to generate a pairing code to link your observer Canvas account. Your student must create a separate pairing code for each observer who wants to view Canvas.



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How to Generate a Pairing Code

1. If you are an observer and want to generate a pairing code for a student, you will need to log in to the student's Canvas account and follow these steps.
2. *IMPORTANT* Pairing codes can only be generated from the web version of Canvas. Pairing codes cannot be generated from the Canvas mobile apps.
3. Using a Chrome web browser, go to <https://mid-del.instructure.com/login/SAML> (you will be redirected to a Google login page) and login with the student's Google email and password.
 - a. **Username:** first name+Google ID@mid-delonline.net
(example: john17308@mid-delonline.net)
 - b. **Password:** Set by the student
4. Or students can log in using the Clever QR code that was given to them by their teacher.
 - a. Open the camera app on your device
 - b. Hold the QR code so that the camera can read the code
 - c. Choose Canvas from the available links
5. In Global Navigation, click the Account link, then click the Settings link.
6. Click the Pair with Observer button.
7. Copy the six-digit alphanumeric pairing code. The pairing code will expire after seven days or its first use.
8. [Link to Canvas Guide](#)

Create a Parent Observer Account

Parents have the ability to view their students' course content (assignment due dates, assignments, course modules, etc.) by creating a Canvas "Observer" account that is linked to their student(s) account.

1. Go to <https://mid-del.instructure.com/login/canvas>
 - a. You should see this --->
2. Click the Click Here for an Account link.
3. Enter the following information:
 - a. Type your name and email in the appropriate fields.
 - b. Choose a password.
 - c. Enter a pairing code to link your account to your student.
 - d. Agree to the terms of use by clicking the checkbox.
 - e. Click the Start Participating button.
4. To add multiple students
 - a. In Global Navigation, click the Account link, then click the Settings link.
 - b. In User Navigation, click the Observing link.
 - c. Type the pairing code in the Student Pairing Code field and click the Add Student button.
5. [Link to Canvas Guide](#)

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Parent of a Canvas User?
Click Here For an Account

Login

Password

☐ Stay signed in

[Forgot Password?](#)

Log In



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Change the Language Preference

1. In Global Navigation, click the Account link, then click the Settings link.
2. Click the Edit Settings button.
3. In the Language drop-down menu, choose your preferred language.

Troubleshooting Tips:

1. With the Canvas Parent app, it's really important to make sure that the observer selects the same school as their student. By default, the log-in goes to canvas.instructure.com and the pairing code would most definitely be invalid if the observer is not using the correct school.
2. Copying and pasting the code can create some errors. Try typing the code (Pairing codes are case sensitive).
3. "Not Authorized" error when entering a pairing code? Try to generate a new one.
4. If you are using Chrome make sure you are completely signed out so that you can sign in with your student's Google account.

[Browser and Computer Requirements](#)

[Canvas Parent/Observer Guides](#)