

Attention Parents of Students Using Canvas (LMS)!

Did you know that you can be set up as a parent observer? In Canvas, an observer has limited permissions that allow them to see what is going on in a course without interrupting the flow of daily course communication. A parent observer account in Canvas enables the parents to view what is being assigned in Canvas, assignment timelines and deadlines, grades, and teacher feedback. As a parent observer, you can set it up to receive email notifications when assignments are graded, view and read announcements and discussions, and send conversation messages to the teacher. Observers can view assignments even if the student they are observing has not completed them—unless the assignments are locked.

Setting up an observer account is fairly easy. The links below explain the process very well. First, the student must generate a pairing code from their device while logged into Canvas. Click on the following link for some handy instructions on generating a pairing code. **NOTE: The pairing code is good for only seven days.**

How do students generate a pairing code?

<https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Student-Guide/How-do-I-generate-a-pairing-code-for-an-observer-as-a-student/ta-p/418>

Click on this link to set up your observer account:

<https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Observer-Guide/How-do-I-sign-up-for-a-Canvas-account-as-a-parent/ta-p/540>