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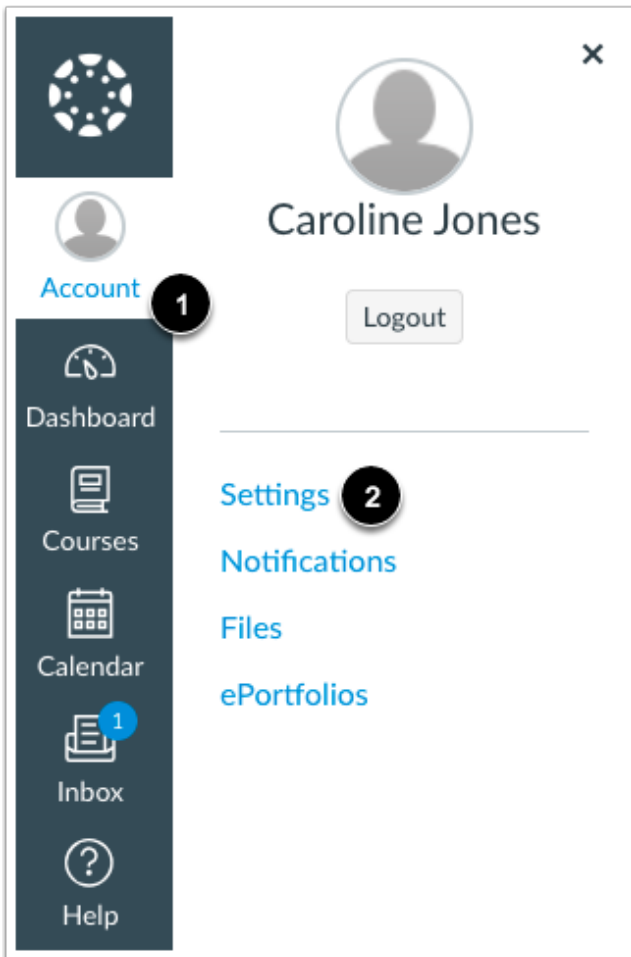# How do I link a student to my user account as an observer? 🔗 🖼️

If you signed up for a Canvas account as a parent, you can add students to observe within the same institution. Additionally, if an institution created an observer account linked to a student for you, you can add students to observe.

To link yourself to a student, you will need to enter a student-specific pairing code. Pairing codes are case sensitive and are valid for seven days. Students can generate pairing codes from their User Settings. Depending on institution permissions, admins and instructors may also be able to generate pairing codes. For more information on pairing codes, view the Pairing Codes - Frequently Asked Questions PDF.
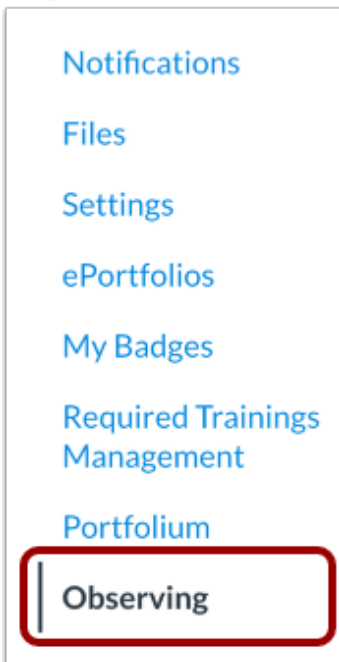
Notes:

- You cannot add students whose accounts are not within your same institution (Canvas URL). To observe students in another institution, you must sign up for an account using that institution's Canvas URL.
- If you are not able to access all of a student's courses, the option to link to additional students is not available to you.
- Once you have linked to a student from the Observing page, you cannot remove the student. To remove a student, please contact the student's instructor.

Open User Settings

In Global Navigation, click the **Account** link [1], then click the **Settings** link [2].

Open Observing

In User Navigation, click the **Observing** link.

Add Student

Type the pairing code in the **Student Pairing Code** field [1] and click the **Add Student** button [2].

View Student

View the paired student.

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