



Hawthorne Math & Science Academy

Canvas Parent Access

Parents are able to sign up as an observer in Canvas. Observers can link their Canvas account to their student's account so they can see assignment dues dates, announcements, and other course content. Observers can view the course content but cannot participate in the course. In order to access Canvas as parent (observer) follow these steps:

1. Open the website <https://hawthornemsa.instructure.com/login/canvas> and click the 'Parent of a Canvas User? Click Here for an Account' link in the upper right hand corner.
2. Enter the needed information on the 'Parent Signup' page.
 - a. Your Name
 - b. Your Email
 - c. Password
 - d. Re-enter Password
 - e. **Your son/daughter must log on to their Canvas Account at this point to generate a Student Pairing Code to share with you. The code is only valid for 5 minutes so it's important to do the pairing process with your son/daughter.** A student pairing code is generated in a student's Accounts Settings. [Follow these steps to have a student generate a pairing code.](#)
3. Start by watching the '[Canvas for Parent \(Observer\) Overview Video.](#)' In addition, the following guides will help Parent (Observer) accounts to support their child's learning.
 - a. [How do I use the Global Navigation Menu as an observer?](#)
 - b. [How do I use the Dashboard as an observer?](#)
 - c. [How do I view Grades in the Dashboard as an observer?](#)
 - d. [How do I view a list of all Canvas courses in which I am an observer?](#)
 - e. [How do I customize my Courses list as an observer?](#)
 - f. [How do I view Grades in the Dashboard as an observer?](#)
 - g. [How do I view the Grades page for a student as an observer?](#)
 - h. [How do I set my Canvas notification preferences as an observer?](#)

The [Canvas Observer Community Guides](#) and the [Canvas Mobile App](#) guides have even more great information!

