

Creating a Canvas 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. Observer accounts have view only permission to limited items within Canvas.

Step 1 - Generate Student Pairing Code

1. Have your child log into the Canvas student portal (www.somds.k12.nj.us/canvas) using their district Google credentials.
2. Select Account from the left navigation menu.
3. Select Settings > Pair with Observer.

Please record the pairing code displayed on the screen. You will need this information when you create your account. Pairing codes expire after 7 days or initial use.

Step 2 - Create The Observer Account

1. Open a web browser and navigate to www.somds.k12.nj.us/canvas.
2. Select the icon labeled **Parent Portal**.
3. Select "Parent of a Canvas User? Click Here For an Account."
4. Fill in the information prompted on the screen. Use the student pairing code generated in step one to link to a student.

Once completed, you will automatically be logged into the Canvas Observer / Parent Portal.

Accessing The Observer Account

To log into the Canvas Observer portal after you have created an account:

1. Open a web browser and navigate to www.somds.k12.nj.us/canvas.
2. Select the icon labeled **Parent Portal**.
3. Log in with the username and password created in Step 2.

Adding Additional Students To Your Observer Account

1. Generate a pairing code for each student (review Step 1).
2. Log into the Canvas observer portal.
3. Select Account > Observing
4. Type the pairing code into the Student Pairing Code field.
5. Click the + **Student** icon.

Additional Resources

- [Canvas Observer Overview \(Video\)](#)
- [Account Registration and Student Pairing \(Video\)](#)
- [Canvas Observer Trainings \(Video\)](#)
- [Canvas Observer Guide \(Website\)](#)