



CANVAS

PARENT OBSERVER ACCOUNTS

Why use the Canvas Parent Observer account

Studies have shown that parental involvement in a child's education is the most significant factor in determining student success. Classrooms are not the same without you. Teachers can plan, accommodate, collaborate, and differentiate with their greatest efforts, but you as a parent are incredibly valuable to the learning process. You help fill in gaps in understanding and sometimes you re-explain tough topics. You are another amazing caring adult who can assist a student become strong, intrinsically motivated, and self-advocating learners.

But sometimes it's not easy to know what your children are learning. They may not communicate upcoming assignments or tests. This is where technology can help. With the Canvas Parent Observer account, you can view all your children in one easy-to-use platform that is accessible online or in an app. You don't have to have multiple logins for each child. You can toggle between all of your children, and stay up-to-date on what's happening in class.



What can observers do in Canvas?

- Read course announcements
- See the course assignments page
- Preview course documents
- View the course syllabus and/or agenda
- View the course calendar
- Examine their student's grades on assignments
- Access their student's conversations
- Communicate with the course instructor
- Customize notifications to receive instant, daily, weekly, or no notifications.



What can observers not do in Canvas?

- Submit assignments
- See student submissions
- Participate in course discussions
- Take quizzes
- Join course groups
- Send messages to students (other than the one they are observing)
- See course rosters
- See unpublished courses

*Please be aware: The permissions referenced above are given to parent and guardian observers, but individual teachers are able to customize their course menus to better suit the needs of their specific classes. You may not be able to view each of the features listed under "What can observers do in Canvas?" if a classroom teacher does not make use of a specific feature.