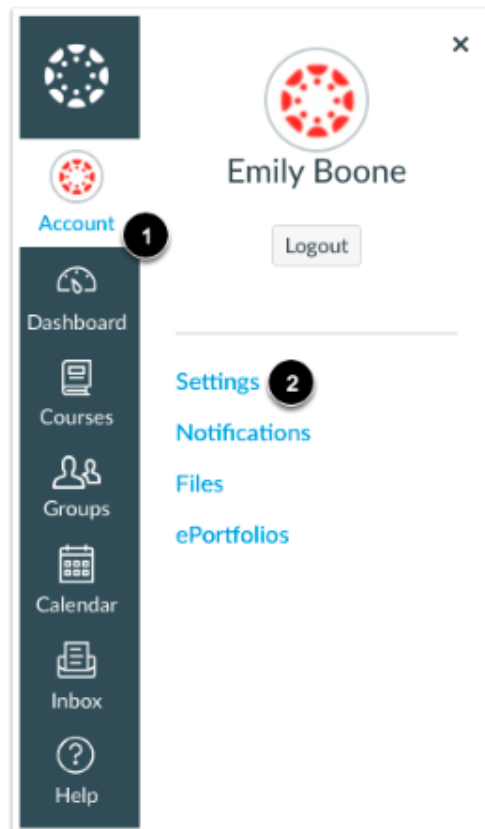# How Can Parents Create an Account In Canvas to Observe Their Child?

1. Before beginning the process of signing up as a parent, the student must get a pairing code from their account. [What is a Pairing Code?](#)
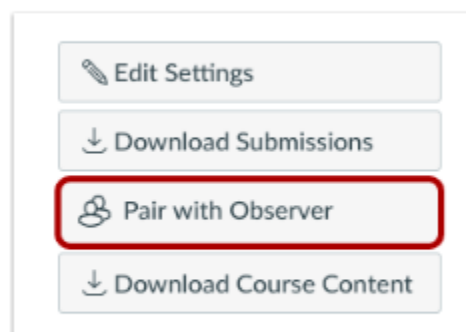   a. How do I generate a pairing code for an observer as a student?

   Open Settings

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

   Pair with Observer

   Click the **Pair with Observer** button.
   ii.

iii.

Copy Pairing Code

Pair with Observer ✕

Share the following pairing code with an observer to allow them to connect with you. This code will expire in seven days, or after one use.
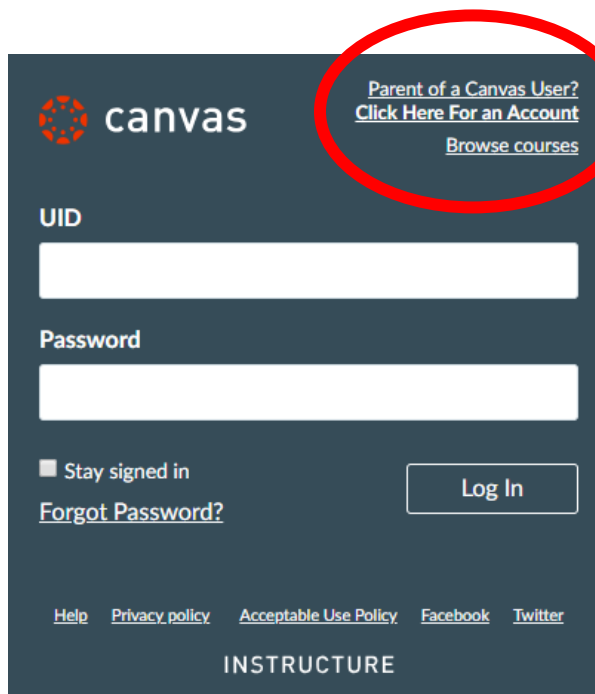
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2 OK

Copy the six-digit alphanumeric pairing code [1]. You will need to share the code with the observer who will link to your account. The pairing code will expire after seven days or its first use.

To close the window, click the OK button [2].

Note: Pairing codes are case sensitive.

b. Have the student log out of Canvas and close the web browser they used to log into their account.

2. Open Google Chrome web browser and go to the following URL: https://gcs.instructure.com/login/canvas

3. A Canvas login screen window will appear. Click on the "Parent of a Canvas User? Click Here For an Account" link .

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Parent of a Canvas User?
Click Here For an Account
Browse courses

UID

Password

☐ Stay signed in

Forgot Password?

Log In

Help   Privacy policy   Acceptable Use Policy   Facebook   Twitter

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4. A parent signup window will appear. You will need to complete all fields and check the box that you agree to the terms of use and acknowledge the privacy policy. Click on the Start Participating button.

Parent Signup ✕

Your Name

Parent Name

Your Email

Parent Email Address

Password

Parent Creates A Password

Re-enter Password

Parent Re-enters the Password They Created

Student Pairing Code   What is a pairing code?

Enter the Pairing Code the Student Generated in Step 1

☐ You agree to the terms of use and acknowledge the privacy policy.

Don't forget to check this box

Cancel   **Start Participating**