

What is the Canvas Parent/Observer Role?

The Canvas Parent/Observer Role is used to enroll parents and guardians into a Canvas course with limited permissions. Parents can become observers in a student's Canvas course with a six-digit pairing code. Pairing codes are alphanumeric and case sensitive.

Note: Pairing code will expire after seven days or after its first use. A different pairing code must be generated for each observer being paired with the student.

Parents/Observers Can	Parents/Observers Cannot
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● View the same published content as the student they are observing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Announcements ○ Content published in modules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Assignments and quizzes ■ Discussion posts and responses ■ Due dates ■ Published files ○ Calendar ○ Dashboard ○ Grades*, including comments ○ Profile pictures ○ Syllabus ● Send messages to instructors and students they are observing <p>Note: Parents/observers can view all module content at once, even if the teacher sets prerequisites for students. Parents/observers can also view all published, unlocked assignments before the student completes them.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Interact with course content ● Comment on announcements or discussions ● Submit assignments or quizzes ● View course rosters ● View locked files or folders ● Join groups ● View unpublished courses ● View unpublished course content ● Access the Chat tool ● Reserve appointment slots in the Scheduler ● View grade audit trail ● Send conversation messages to students in the course they are not observing

* HISD Connect (PowerSchool) is the authoritative source for grades.

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