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Canvas FAQ: Parent/Observer Navigation

Click the links below for more information on how to use Canvas tools with a Parent/Observer account.

Course Navigation

- Navigate a Canvas course
- Use the Course Activity Stream
- Use the Course Home Page
- Use the Syllabus

Grades

- View the Grades page for a student
- View my student's grades in a current course
- Use the icons and colors in the Grades page
- View my student's grades in a concluded course

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

Global Navigation

- Use the Global Navigation Menu
- Use the Dashboard
- View my favorite courses in the Card View Dashboard
- View global activity for my student's courses in the Recent Activity Dashboard
- View the Global Announcements page
- View Grades in the Dashboard
- View a list of all Canvas courses in which I am an observer
- Customize my Courses list
- View my recent page view history in Canvas
- Get help with Canvas
- Log out of Canvas

Inbox

- Use the Inbox
- Reply to a message in the Inbox
- Delete a conversation
- Delete a message from a conversation
- Archive a conversation
- Star a conversation
- Send a message to a course instructor in the Inbox
- Find my unread messages in the Inbox
- Filter inbox conversations
- Attach a file or media comment to a message