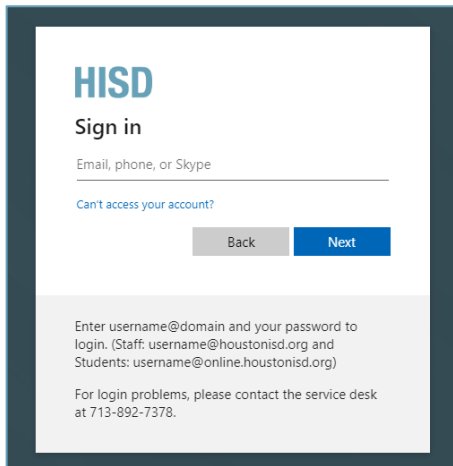
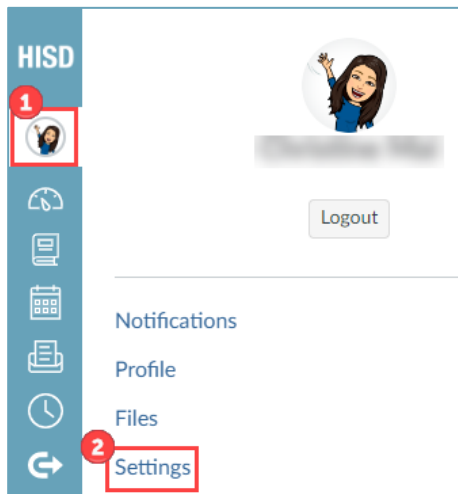


## Student Generates Pairing Code

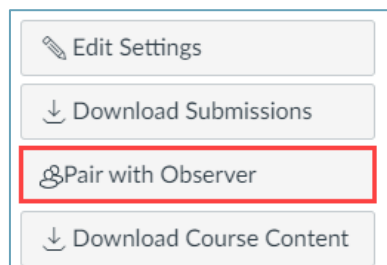
1. In a browser window, student will go to <https://canvas.houstonisd.org/> and log in with their HISD credentials (login: [s#####@online.houstonisd.org](mailto:s#####@online.houstonisd.org)).



2. Student clicks on **Account**. Then click on **Settings**.

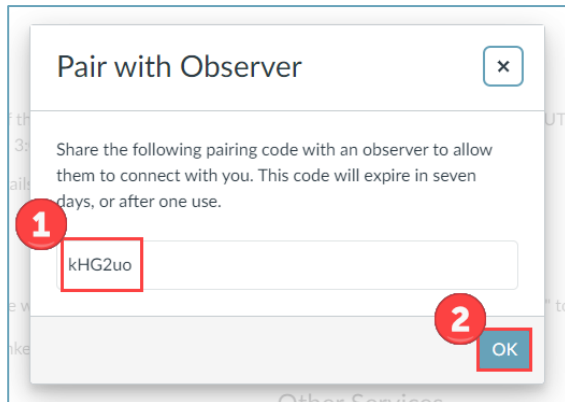


3. Student clicks **Pair with Observer** on the right side of the screen.



- Pairing Code will generate. Copy the pairing code to link Parent/Observer account to the student. To close the window, click OK.

**Note:** Pairing code is alphanumeric and case sensitive. The pairing code will expire after seven days or after its first use. A different pairing code must be generated for each parent/observer being paired with the student. If the student is having issues with generating a parent code, please reach out to your student's Canvas LMS Admin.

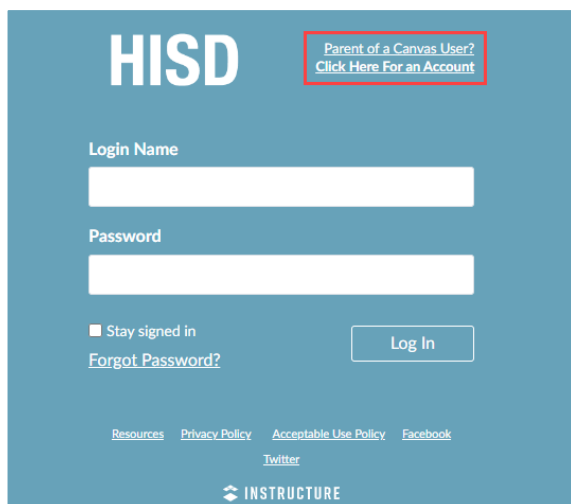


## Creating a Canvas Parent/Observer Account

**Note:** You will only have to create a parent account once. Once you have an account, you will be able to view student information through the Canvas Parent app.

- In a browser window, go to [HoustonISD.org/canvasparents](https://HoustonISD.org/canvasparents) and click “Parent of a Canvas User? Click Here For an Account”.

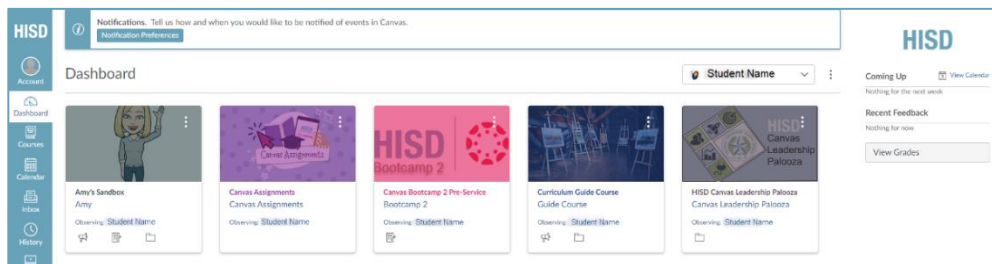
**Note:** If you are an HISD employee, best practice is to use your *personal* email address when creating a Parent/Observer account. When logging on the Canvas Parent App on mobile devices, best practice is to scan the [QR for Mobile Login](#).



- Enter signup details. Then click **Start Participating**.
  - For instructions on how to find a student pairing code, please see *Student Generates Pairing Code* section above.

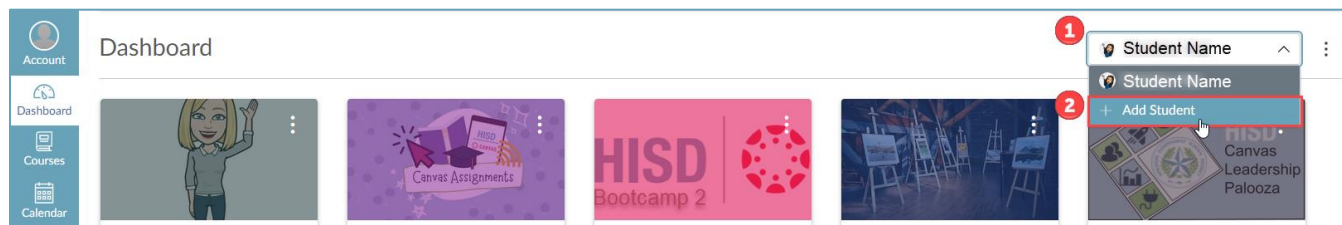
- Parents/observers can begin observing their student in Canvas immediately.

**Note:** Parents/observers will only be able to observe published courses the student is currently enrolled in and have been published by the instructor. For more information about Parent/Observer account permissions, please [click here](#).



## Observing Additional Students

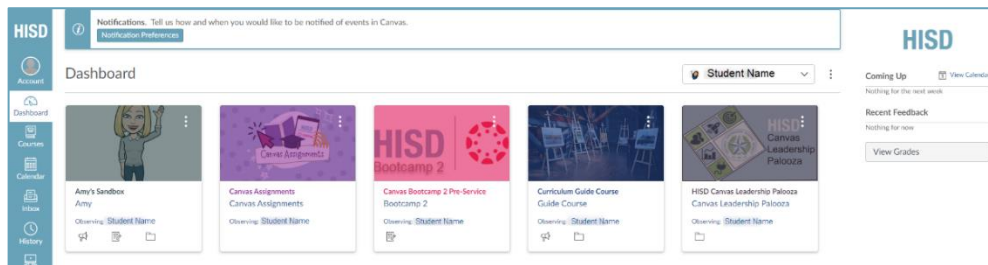
- Additional student generates pairing code.
  - Note:** For instructions on how to find a student pairing code, please see *Student Generates Pairing Code* section above.
- On the parent/observer dashboard, click the drop-down bar with the student's name. Click **Add Student**.



- Enter the additional student's pairing code and click **Pair**.

- Parents/observers can begin observing the additional student in Canvas immediately.

**Note:** Parents/observers will only be able to observe published courses the student is currently enrolled in. For more information about Parent/Observer account permissions, please [click here](#).



## Logging in to your Parent/Observer Account

- Go to [HoustonISD.org/canvasparents](https://HoustonISD.org/canvasparents).
- Enter your login [1] and password [2].
- Click the **Log In** button [3].

**Note:** If you have forgotten your password, you may be able to reset your password.

## 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"> <li>● View the same published content as the student they are observing                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Announcements</li> <li>○ Content published in modules                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Assignments and quizzes</li> <li>■ Discussion posts and responses</li> <li>■ Due dates</li> <li>■ Published files</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Calendar</li> <li>○ Dashboard</li> <li>○ Grades*, including comments</li> <li>○ Profile pictures</li> <li>○ Syllabus</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Send messages to instructors and students they are observing</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> 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"> <li>● Interact with course content</li> <li>● Comment on announcements or discussions</li> <li>● Submit assignments or quizzes</li> <li>● View course rosters</li> <li>● View locked files or folders</li> <li>● Join groups</li> <li>● View unpublished courses</li> <li>● View unpublished course content</li> <li>● Access the Chat tool</li> <li>● Reserve appointment slots in the Scheduler</li> <li>● View grade audit trail</li> <li>● Send conversation messages to students in the course they are not observing</li> </ul>

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

[Source: What is the Observer Role?](#)

**Note:** If you have not created your Parent/Observer account, please follow the steps on the [Creating Parent/Observer Account](#) guide.

## Download the Canvas Parent App

Click the links below for install directions:

[Parent App \(iOS\)](#)

[Parent App \(Android\)](#)

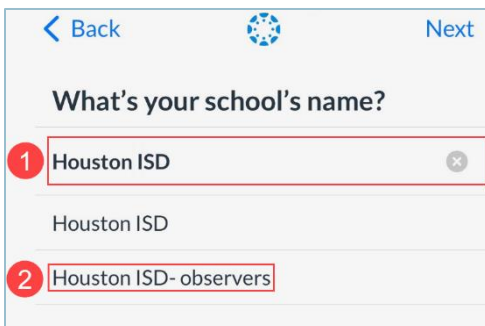
## Login Method 1: Find School

**Note:** Houston ISD Employees should skip to Login Method 2.

1. Open the app and tap **Find School**



2. Type "Houston ISD" to search. Tap **Houston ISD- observers**

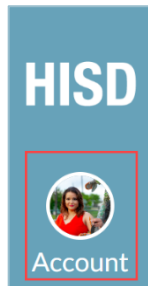


3. Log in with your Parent/Observer account credentials

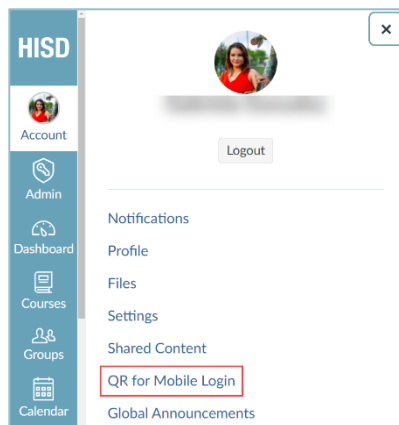
## Login Method 2: QR Code Login

**Note:** The QR code cannot be generated from the same device you are using to access the app.

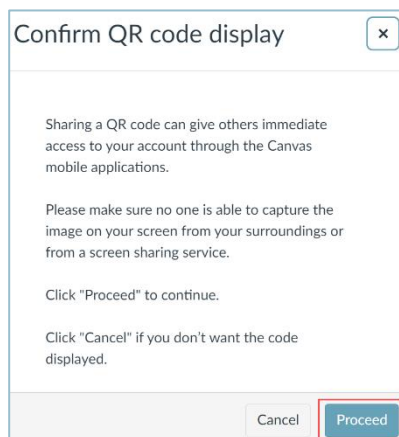
1. In a browser window, go to <https://canvas.houstonisd.org/> and log in with your Parent/Observer credentials
2. Click **Account**



3. Click **QR Code for Mobile Login**



4. Click **Proceed**



5. Scan the QR Code on the screen from the Canvas Parent App