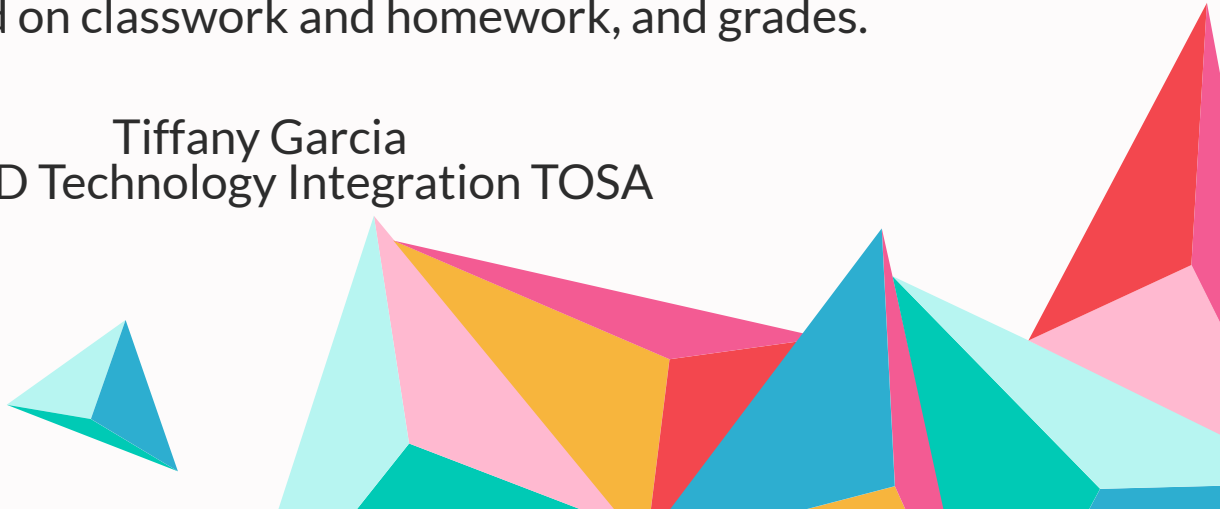




Canvas for Parents

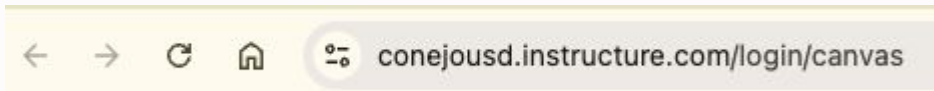
Staying informed on classwork and homework, and grades.

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Creating a Parent Account

Begin by visiting the Canvas sign-up page and entering your personal information. You will need a unique *pairing code* from your student's Canvas account to establish a connection.



In a browser window, go to the CVUSD Canvas login page.

A screenshot of the Canvas login page for teachers. The page has a dark blue background. At the top left is the Canvas logo and the text "FREE FOR TEACHER". At the top right, there is a red-bordered box containing the text "Need a Canvas Account? Click Here, It's Free!" and a link "Browse courses". Below this, there are input fields for "Email" and "Password". A "Log In" button is to the right of the password field. Below the button, there is a checkbox for "Stay signed in" and a link for "Forgot Password?". At the bottom, there are social media icons for Facebook, GitHub, Google, LinkedIn, Next.js, and Twitter. At the very bottom, there are links for "Help", "Privacy Policy", "Acceptable Use Policy", "Facebook", and "Twitter", and the word "INSTRUCTURE" in all caps.

If you do not already have an account, Click the '**Need a Canvas Account?**' Link

Sign up as a Parent (Free Account)

Enter the following information:

1. Enter your name in the **Your Name** field.
2. Enter your email in the **Your Email** field.
3. Enter your password in the **Password** field.
4. Re-enter your password in the **Re-enter Password** field.
5. Enter a pairing code to link your account to your student in the **Student Pairing Code** field.
6. Agree to the terms of use by clicking the **You agree to the terms of use** checkbox.
7. Confirm that you are not a robot by completing the Captcha form (if enabled by your student's institution).
8. Click the **Start Participating** button.

Note: Your child will need to **generate pairing codes** from their User Settings in Canvas.

The image shows a 'Parent Signup' form with the following fields and steps:

- 1** Your Name
- 2** Your Email
- 3** Password
- 4** Re-enter Password
- 5** Student Pairing Code (with a link 'What is a pairing code?')
- 6** ☐ You agree to the [terms of use](#) and acknowledge the [privacy policy](#).
- 7** ☐ I'm not a robot (reCAPTCHA)
- 8** Start Participating button

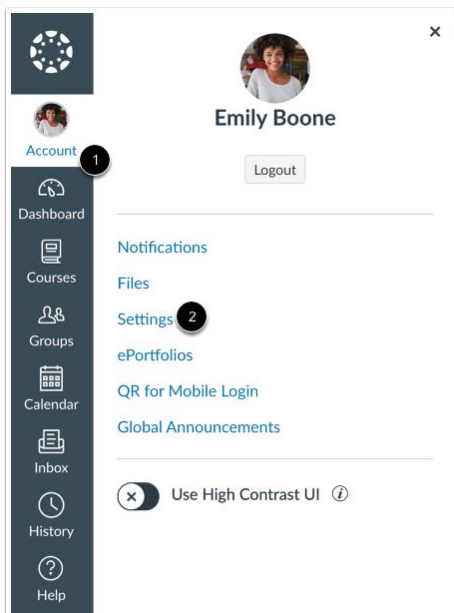
At the bottom, there is a 'Cancel' button and a 'Start Participating' button.

Connecting to Your Student(s)

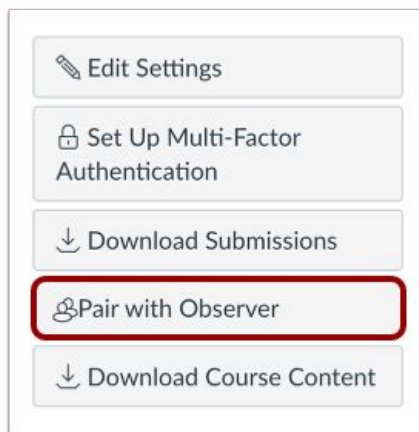
Each student provides a unique *pairing code* necessary to link their account to yours. If you are connecting multiple students, repeat this step for each. Pairing Codes expire after 7 days or its first use.

Students need to:

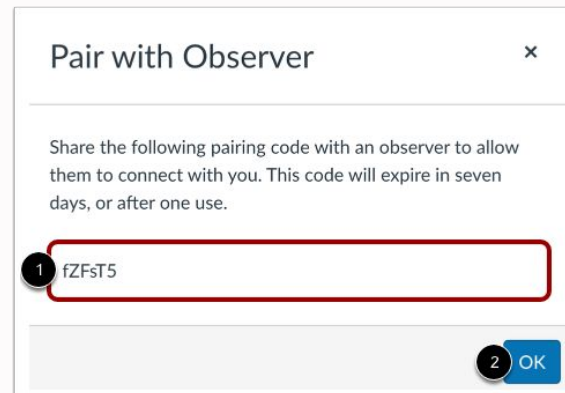
1. Click on **Account**
2. Click on **Settings**



On the following page, students will need to click on '**Pair with Observer**' to create a pairing code



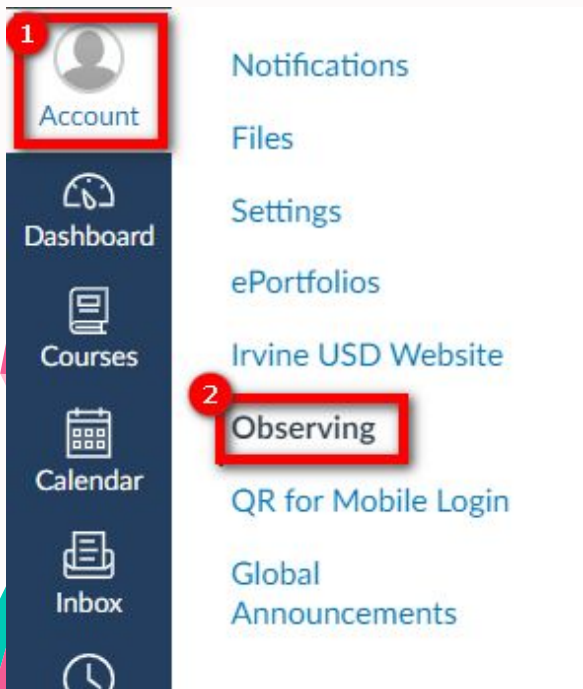
1. Copy the six-digit pairing code.
2. Click **OK** to close the window



Observing Multiple Students

On your dashboard click on:

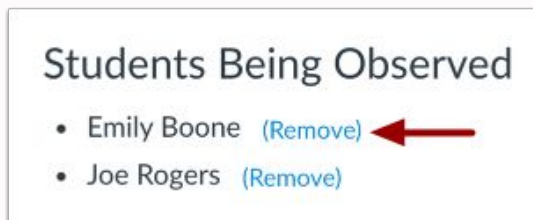
1. **Account**
2. **Observing**



1. Click on **+Student**
*The student(s) you are already observing should appear under **Students Being Observed**
1. Add the **Pairing Code** for your next student



Click here to remove a student you no longer want to Observe



Begin Observing

Click on the Arrow to view other students' dashboards.

The screenshot displays the Canvas Dashboard interface. On the left is a vertical sidebar with navigation links: Account, Dashboard, Courses, Calendar, Inbox, History, Mastery, and Help. The main content area is titled 'Dashboard' and features a top header with a user profile dropdown for 'Abigail Garcia'. Below this, there are several course cards. The first card is for a 'Demo Account'. The other three cards are for 'P1-AP Precalculus-Lukes', 'P2-AP English Lit/Comp-Abrams', and 'P3-Dance - Intermediate-Jones'. A fourth card for 'P5-Ceramics 1 - 2-Thomas' is partially visible at the bottom. To the right of the course cards is a 'To Do' list containing several assignment cards with titles like 'Read + annotate The Metamorphosis Part 2', 'Practice MCQ #2', '7.2 Slab Box with Lid (Glazed)', '8.1 Throwing Wheel: Cylinder', '9.1 Chimera Animal Hybrids (Bone Dry)', 'Sketch Book Check #6: 1/6 - 1/26', and 'Read + annotate The Metamorphosis Part 3'. A red arrow points from the text 'Click on the Arrow to view other students' dashboards.' to the dropdown arrow in the top header.

Dashboard

Account

Dashboard

Courses

Calendar

Inbox

History

Mastery

Help

Abigail Garcia

Demo Account

Demo

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P1-AP Precalculus-Lukes

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To Do

- Read + annotate The Metamorphosis Part 2
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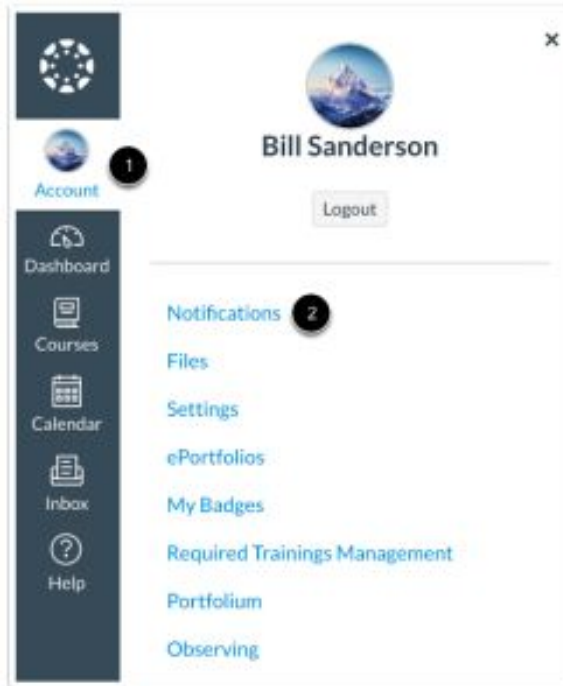
The Canvas dashboard serves as the primary interface to view courses, assignments, and notifications. By Clicking on one of your student's course cards you will be able to view their grades and assignments due.

Managing Notifications and Settings

Notification preferences can be customized to receive timely updates on grades, assignments, and announcements.

In Global Navigation Click:

1. **Account**
2. **Notifications**



Managing Notifications and Settings

Set Your Notification Preferences

The screenshot shows the 'Notification Settings' page in Canvas. At the top, an information box states: 'Account-level notifications apply to all courses. Notifications for individual courses can be changed within each course and will override these notifications.' Below this, the 'Settings for' dropdown is set to 'Account'. A red box with a green checkmark icon and the text 'Show name of observed students in notifications' is highlighted with a red border and a circled '1'. Below this is a list of 'Course Activities' with a table of notification preferences. The table has two columns: the activity name and the email address 'susan.sanderson.canvas@gmail...'. The activities listed are 'Due Date', 'Grading Policies', 'Course Content', and 'Files'. To the right of these activities is a vertical list of notification options, each with a numbered callout: '2' points to the 'Calendar icon' (a green calendar icon), '3' points to 'Notify immediately' (with a bell icon), '4' points to 'Daily summary' (with a calendar icon), '5' points to 'Weekly summary' (with a calendar icon), and '6' points to 'Notifications off' (with a bell icon and a slash). A blue box highlights the options from 'Notify immediately' down to 'Notifications off'.

Notification Settings

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Settings for

Account

Show name of observed students in notifications

Course Activities

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Weekly summary

Notifications off

1. You can select to **view the observed student's name in a notifications.**

2. Click on the **Calendar icon**  or **Bell icon**  to the left of the Course Activity - you can choose when you want to receive notifications for that course activity in all your students' Canvas courses.

*Each set notification preference will automatically apply to all of your courses. They do not need to be set individually for each course.

Navigating a Canvas Course

1 Account

2 Home

3 BWC 101 > Syllabus

Basic Written Communications

[Jump to Today](#)

Hello students! Thanks for signing up for Basic Written Communications 101. We are going to have a lot of fun in this course. If you are not having fun, please contact me and we'll figure out together how you can have a better experience in this course...

Contact Information

Skype: canvasinstructor@gmail.com (T/Th from 2-4 pm MT)
Email: canvasinstructor@gmail.com
Phone: 801-990-0000 (please don't call before 9 am MT or after 6 pm MT)

Policies

Be good, do your own work and turn it in on time, participate in discussions, work hard, and have fun.

Course Summary:

4 View Course Stream

View Course Notifications

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27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

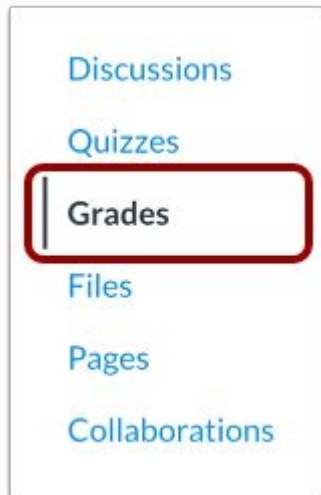
5 Help

Course assignments are not weighted.

Checking Student Grades

The Grades page in a course displays your student's current course grade as well as all current grades for course assignments. You can also view assignment scoring details, comments, and rubrics. You can also filter grades by grading period.

In the course navigation:
Click on **Grades**



Grades for Emily Boone Print Grades

Student: Emily Boone Course: Introduction to the Solar Sy Arrange By: Due Date Apply

Assignments Learning Mastery

1 Total: 78.1% (C+)

2 Show All Details

Assignments are weighted by group:

Group	Weight
Assignments	25%

3 Calculation of totals has been disabled

Show All Details

Assignments are weighted by group:

1. Summary of your student's grades
2. Allows you to show or hide all scoring details (details, comments, and rubrics)
3. Some instructors may restrict viewing of your student's total grade

Observer Access in Canvas

👍 Observers can

- View and read announcements
- View assignments index page
- View the calendar
- Send conversation messages to



Observer Access in Canvas



Observers cannot

- Comment on announcements or discussions
- Submit assignments or quizzes
- View course rosters
- Send conversation messages to students in the course they are not observing (they can send them to their own students)
- View locked files or folders
- Join groups
- View unpublished courses (neither can students)

Closing

Mastering Canvas tool empowers you to stay informed and involved in your child's education. Utilizing access to course data, communication with teachers, and thoughtful notification management enhances support for your students academic success.

The screenshot displays the Canvas LMS Dashboard for a user named Abigail Garcia. On the left is a dark blue sidebar with navigation icons and labels: Account, Dashboard, Courses, Calendar, Inbox, History, Mastery, and Help (with a notification badge showing '10'). The main content area is titled 'Dashboard' and features a grid of course tiles. The top right of the dashboard shows the user's name 'Abigail Garcia' and a dropdown arrow. On the far right, a 'To Do' list contains several tasks with links to course materials and their due dates.

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