

Parent Access to Canvas

As a parent, you can become an “observer” on your child’s Canvas account which will allow you to do the following:



- **See the Calendar:** Observers can see all Events and Assignments due on the Calendar, filter the calendar view by the different courses the student is enrolled in, and view undated events and assignments. **NOTE:** Up to 15 calendars can be selected for viewing at one time in a web browser.
- **See the Modules Page:** Observers can see how a teacher has organized course content in Modules. They can also see the point values for individual assignments.
- **View Course Announcements:** Observers can view course announcements by clicking Announcements in the course navigation.
- **Preview Documents in Course Pages:** Observers can view documents in an inline document previewer and download documents to their computer.
- **See the Quizzes Page:** Observers can see the Quiz titles.
- **See Canvas Grades:** From the top banner, if an Observer clicks on Grades, they will see a list of the student's assignments and total grade for Canvas assignments only. **NOTE:** Since Canvas syncs to PowerSchool, parents can also check their child's grade in PowerSchool. As long as the assignment is in Canvas, both PowerSchool and Canvas should match.

Steps for becoming an observer:

1. **Email your child’s teacher to obtain an Observer Code (pairing code) specific to your child.** It will expire after 7 days. A new code will need to be generated for each parent observer.
2. **Join the class in **one** of the following ways:**
 - a. Download the Canvas for Parents app on your phone. Join with the Observer Code specific to your child.
 - b. Visit this website (https://canvas.instructure.com/register_from_website) and click “Parents Sign Up Here.” Enter the information requested including the Observer Code (pairing code).
3. **Email your child’s teacher if you have any questions.**