Parent Observer Canvas Accounts

We know parents are eager to support and help students become independent learners, especially as we engage in distance learning, therefore, for the 2020-21 school year, APS parents may choose to create a Canvas Parent Observer account and access Canvas via a web browser and/or the Canvas Parent app.

With this guide, you will learn:

- What you can see with a parent account
- How students generate pairing codes from a browser or Canvas Student App
- How parents create their accounts and pair with their child
- And more!

With the Parent Observer account via the web browser:

Parents *can*:

▷ see every course their child is enrolled in

▷ see all content in the course, including their child's submissions, grades*, and feedback for any assignments graded in Canvas

▷ adjust their notifications and frequency

▷ communicate with teachers via the Inbox

Parents *cannot*:

▷ see Discussions and Quizzes

▷ see content from tools that are integrated or linked to such as: Google Docs, MS Streams videos, Discovery, and more

* Parents of secondary students must continue to access ParentVUE to see official grades for all assignments and grade totals, unless the teacher/course is participating in the Canvas grading soft rollout.

Overview of the two-step process

Generate a Student Pairing Code

Students generate a pairing code from their Canvas Settings, either from the browser or Student App.

> ⚠️ A pairing code **expires in 7 days or after first use.** A new code can be generated if the parent is unable to enter it within the timeframe. A separate pairing code can be generated for another parent or guardian.
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> 👍🏾 Parents/guardians can pair with multiple children — each child will have a unique pairing code.
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> 👍🏾 Teachers also can [generate a pairing code](#) on behalf of a student, from the People page.

Create, and pair, the Parent Account

Parents create an account by filling in this information:

- Parent's name
- Personal Email address
- Enter / Re-enter Password
- Student Pairing Code

> ⚠️ Be careful: if an email address has a typo, you will not be able to reset your password.
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> ⚠️ APS Staff who are parents must use a PERSONAL email for a parent account to avoid account conflicts