

# How do I sign up for a Canvas account as a parent?

Parents can sign up as an observer in Canvas. Observers can link their Canvas account to their student's account so they can see assignment due dates, announcements, and other course content. Observers can view the course content but cannot participate in the course.

This lesson is for parents who do not have a Canvas account and want to observe their students in their courses. In order to create a Canvas account, you will need the Canvas URL associated with the institution where your student is enrolled. If you do not know your institution's Canvas URL, contact the institution.

If you already have an account from your student's institution, log in to Canvas using the credentials given to you.

## Notes:

- If the registration banner is not available in the login page, the institution has not enabled this feature. Please contact your student's institution for assistance. The registration banner is enabled through Canvas authentication.
- To observe a student, you must have a [student pairing code](#).
- Once you have an account, you may be able to view student information through the Canvas Parent app. Access to the Canvas Parent app is controlled by the student's institution. If you already have an account from your student's institution as an observer, you can always view student information through the Canvas Parent app.

## Open Canvas URL

In a browser window, enter your institution's Canvas URL (e.g. schoolname.instructure.com).

<https://asmsa.instructure.com/login/canvas>

## Create Canvas Account Enter Signup Details



Parent Signup ×

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Your Name

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Your Email

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Password

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Re-enter Password

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Student Pairing Code [What is a pairing code?](#)

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6  You agree to the [terms of use](#) and acknowledge the [privacy policy](#).

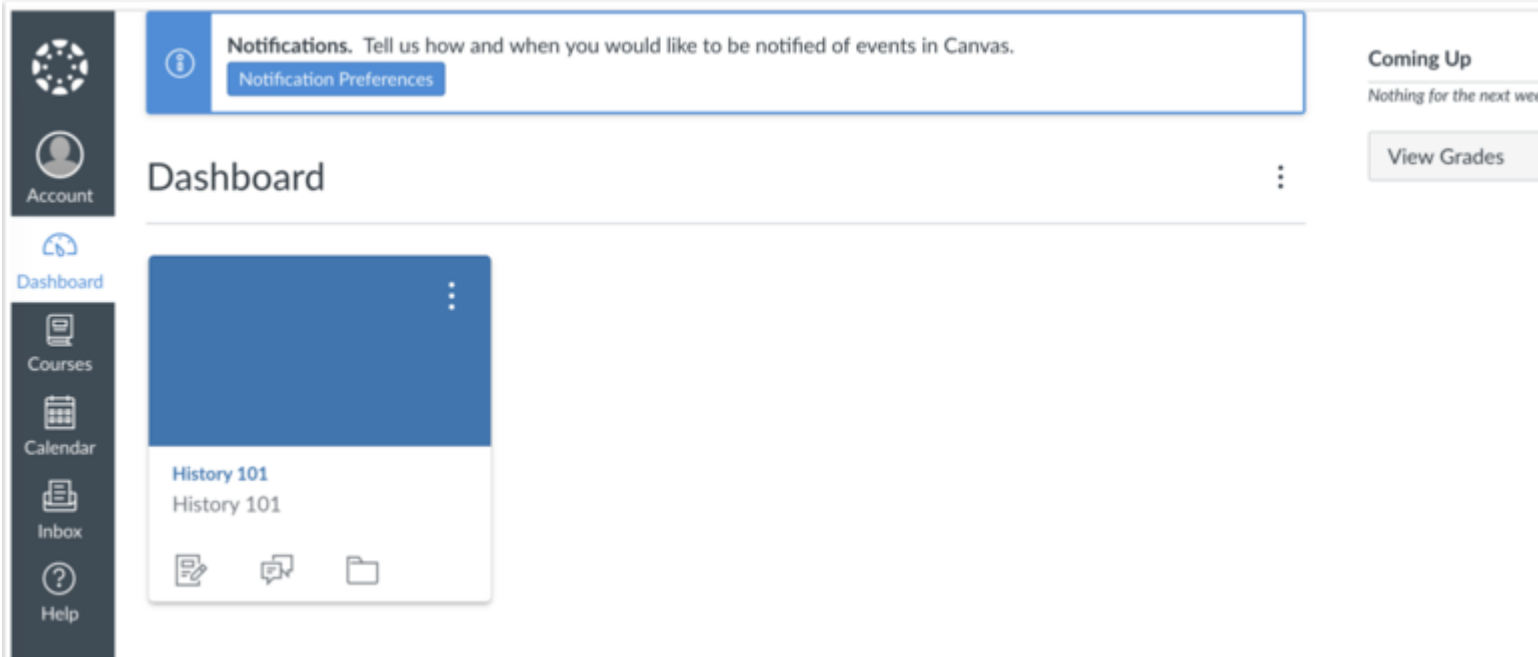
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Enter the following information:

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. Click the **Start Participating** button.

**Note:** Students can [generate pairing codes](#) from their User Settings. Depending on institution permissions, admins and instructors may also be able to generate pairing codes.

## Begin Observing



The screenshot displays the Canvas LMS dashboard. On the left is a dark sidebar with navigation icons for Account, Dashboard, Courses, Calendar, Inbox, and Help. The main content area features a blue notification banner at the top with an information icon and the text "Notifications. Tell us how and when you would like to be notified of events in Canvas." Below this is a "Dashboard" header with a three-dot menu icon. The central content area shows a blue header for a course titled "History 101" with a three-dot menu icon. Below the course title are three icons: a document, a speech bubble, and a folder. On the right side of the dashboard, there is a "Coming Up" section with the text "Nothing for the next week" and a "View Grades" button.

You can begin observing your student in Canvas immediately.