



# How to Observe Your Student in Canvas

1. Student generates a pairing code.
2. Parent creates a Canvas account and enters the pairing code.

or

3. Parent enters an additional pairing code to add a student to existing Canvas account.

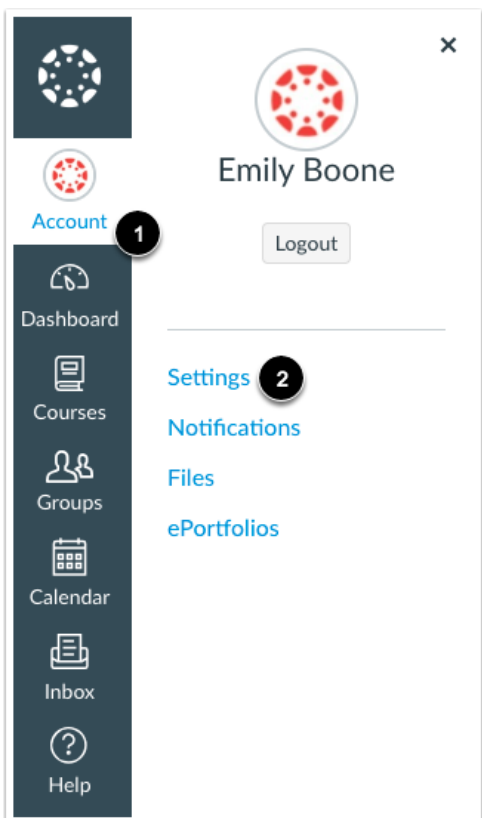
*Detailed instructions for each step above are included below.*

## 1. Student generates a pairing code for an observer

Students can generate a pairing code to link an observer to their Canvas account. An observer can enter the pairing code [in their User Settings Observing tab](#). A separate pairing code must be created for each observer who wants to link to your account.

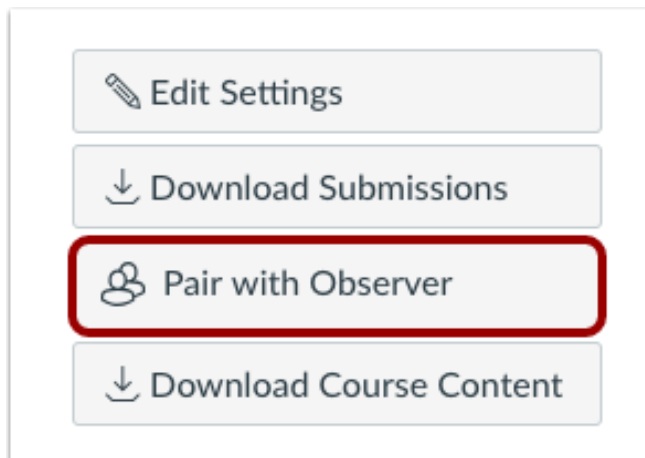
An observer may be a parent, guardian, mentor, counselor, or another individual who needs to view a student's Canvas courses.

### Open Settings



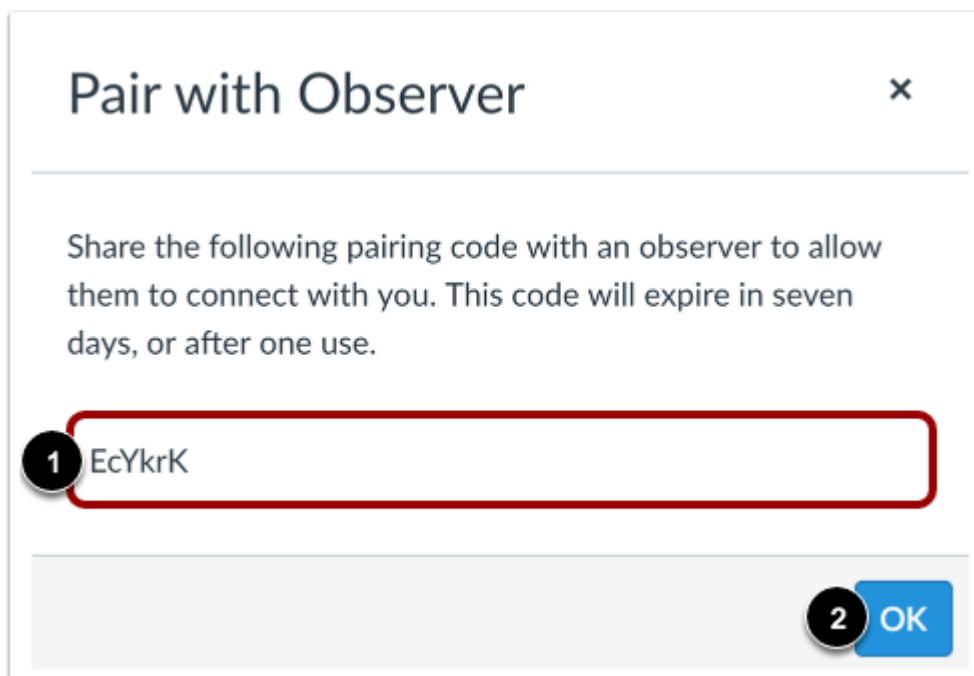
In Global Navigation, click the **Account** link [1], then click the **Settings** link [2].

## Pair with Observer



Click the **Pair with Observer** button.

## Copy Pairing Code



Copy the six-digit alphanumeric pairing code [1]. You will need to share the code with the observer who will link to your account. The pairing code will expire after seven days or its first use.

To close the window, click the **OK** button [2].

**Note:** Pairing codes are case sensitive.

## 2. Parent creates a Canvas account and adds the pairing code.

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 dues dates, announcements, and other course content. Observers can view the course content but cannot participate in the course.

### Notes:

- To observe a student, you must have a [student pairing code](#).
- Once you have an account, you will be able to view student information through the Canvas Parent app. 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.

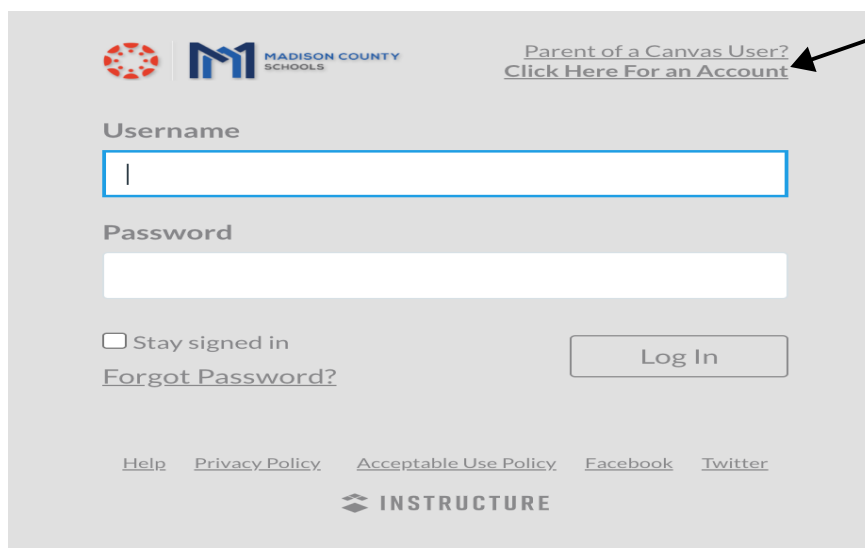
### Open Canvas URL

In a browser window, enter the institution's Canvas registration URL

**<https://mcs.instructure.com/login/ldap>**

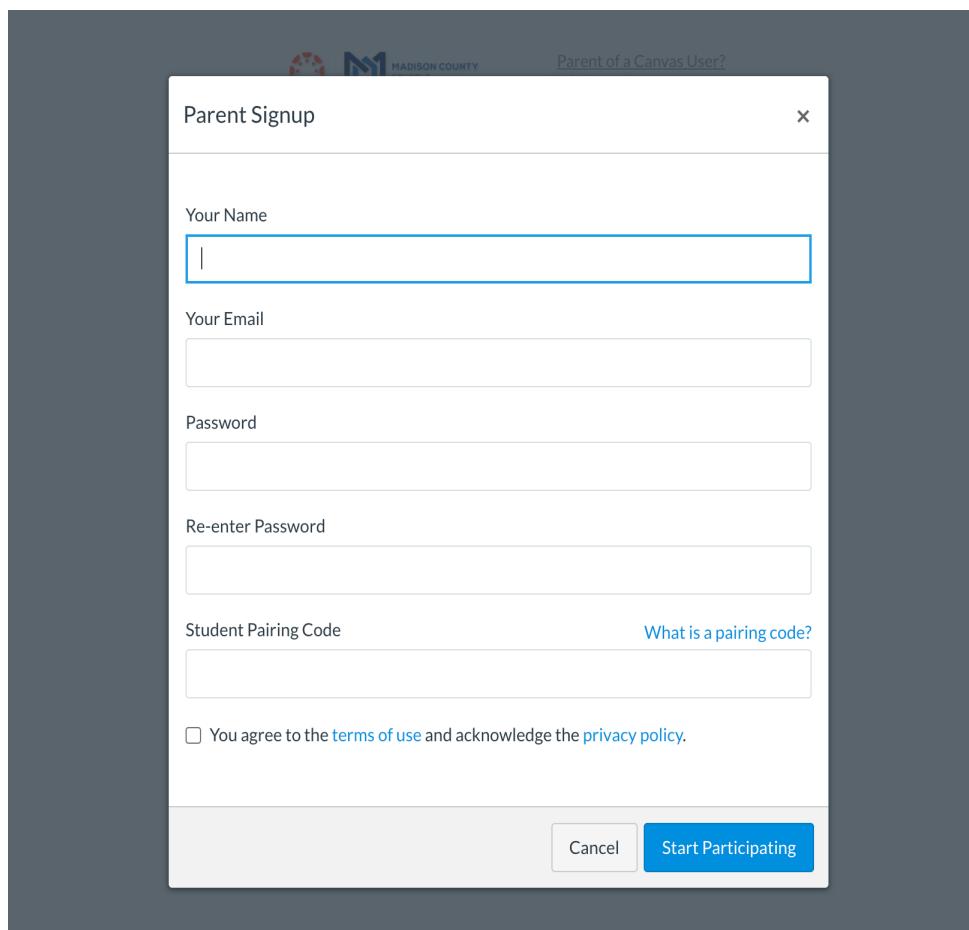


### Click to Create Account

A screenshot of the Canvas login page for Madison County Schools. At the top left are the school's logo and name. At the top right, there is a link: "Parent of a Canvas User? Click Here For an Account" with an arrow pointing to it. Below this is a login form with a "Username" field containing a vertical bar, a "Password" field, a "Stay signed in" checkbox, and a "Log In" button. At the bottom, there are links for "Help", "Privacy Policy", "Acceptable Use Policy", "Facebook", and "Twitter", along with the "INSTRUCTURE" logo.

Click the account link at the top of the page.

## Enter Signup Details



The screenshot shows a 'Parent Signup' dialog box. At the top left, there is a logo for 'MADISON COUNTY' and a link for 'Parent of a Canvas User?'. The dialog box has a title bar 'Parent Signup' with a close button 'x'. The form contains the following fields and elements:

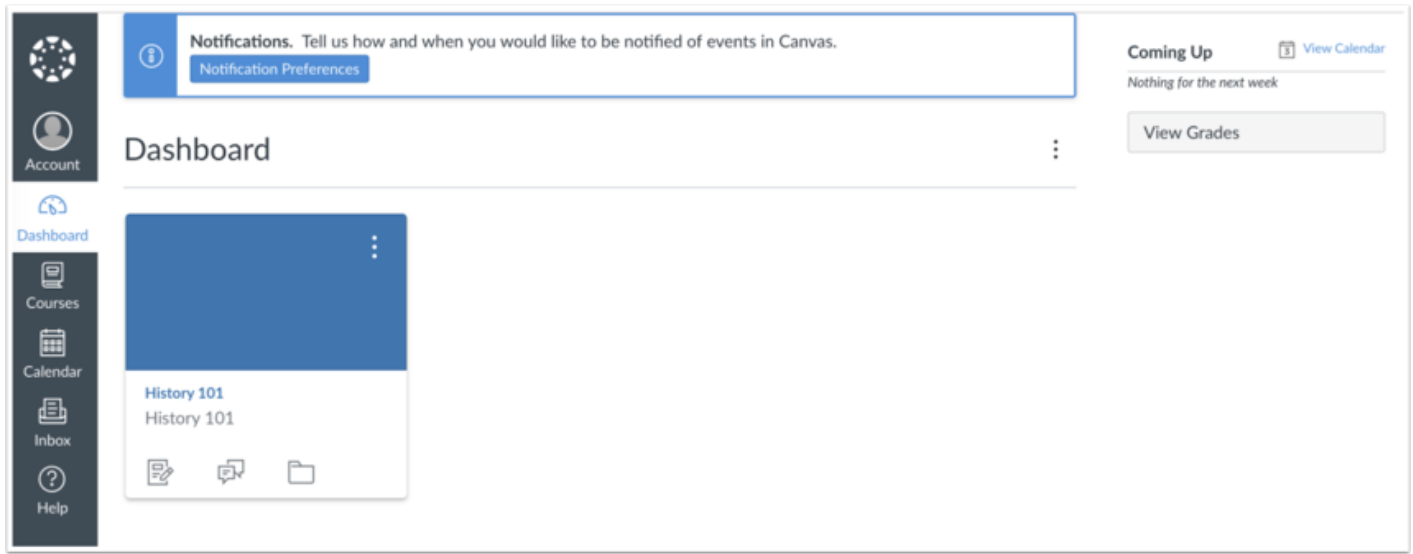
- Your Name:** A text input field with a vertical cursor.
- Your Email:** A text input field.
- Password:** A text input field.
- Re-enter Password:** A text input field.
- Student Pairing Code:** A text input field with a link 'What is a pairing code?' to its right.
- Agreement:** A checkbox followed by the text 'You agree to the [terms of use](#) and acknowledge the [privacy policy](#).'
- Buttons:** A 'Cancel' button and a blue 'Start Participating' button.

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. Admins and instructors may also generate pairing codes.

## Begin Observing



You can begin observing your student in Canvas immediately.

## 3. Add an additional student to existing Canvas Account

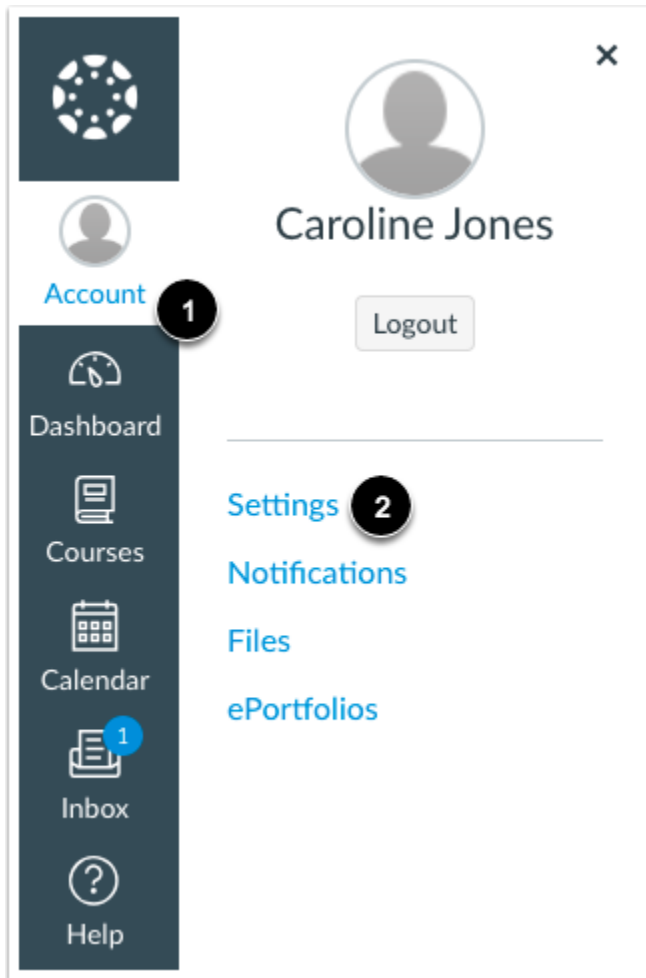
If you signed up for a Canvas account as a parent, you can add students to observe within the same institution.

To link yourself to a student, you will need to enter a student-specific pairing code. Pairing codes are case sensitive and are valid for seven days. Students can generate pairing codes from their User Settings. Admins and instructors can also generate pairing codes.

### Notes:

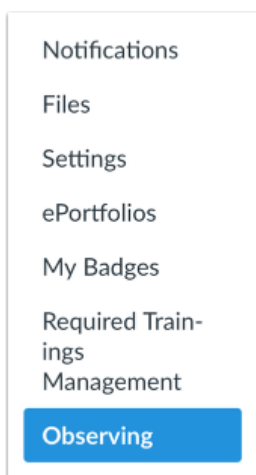
- You cannot add students whose accounts are not within your same institution (Canvas URL). To observe students in another institution, you must sign up for an account using that institution's Canvas URL.
- Once you have linked to a student from the Observing page, you cannot remove the student. To remove a student, please contact the student's instructor.

## Open User Settings



In Global Navigation, click the **Account** link [1], then click the **Settings** link [2].

## Open Observing



In User Navigation, click the **Observing** link.

## Add Student

### Observing

Student Pairing Code

1

2 [+ Student](#)

Type the pairing code in the **Student Pairing Code** field [1] and click the **Add Student** button [2].

## View Student


### Observing

Student Pairing Code

[+ Student](#)

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### Students Being Observed

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View the paired student.