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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.
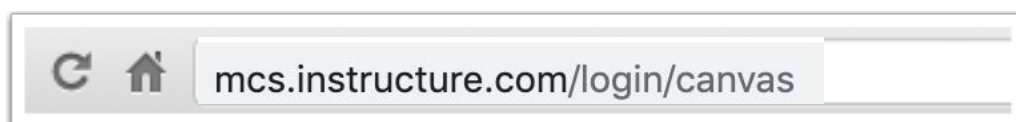
This lesson is for parents who do not have a Canvas account and want to observe their students in their courses.

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

Notes:

- To observe a student, you must know the student's Canvas username and password.
- The student must be enrolled in the course and must accept the course invitation before you can sign up to observe the student. If you receive an *invalid username or password* message during the signup process and the student's credentials are correct, check with the student to verify that he or she has received and accepted the course invitation.
- 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 the institution's Canvas registration URL (e.g. *https://mcs.instructure.com/login/canvas*).

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Parent Signup ✕

Your Name

Your Email
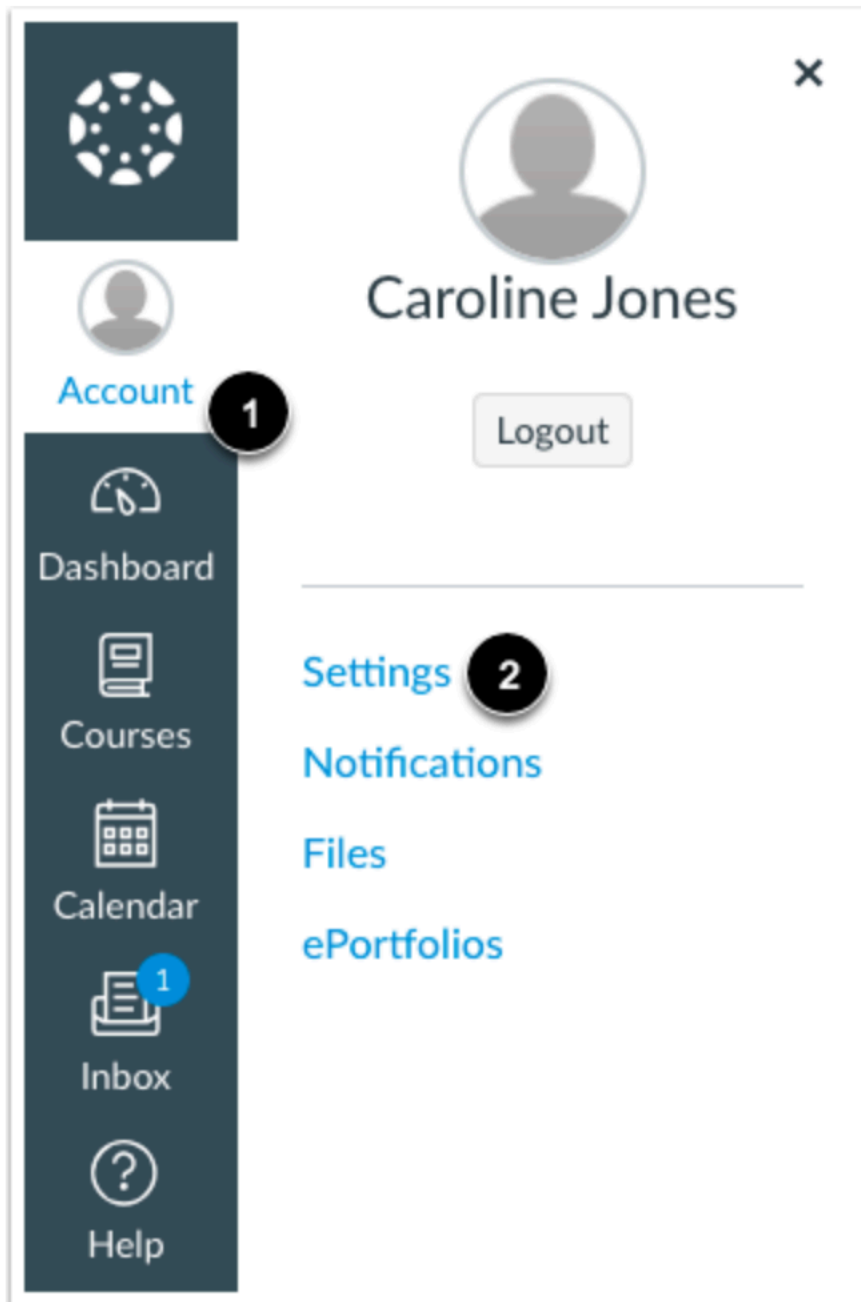
Password

Re-enter Password

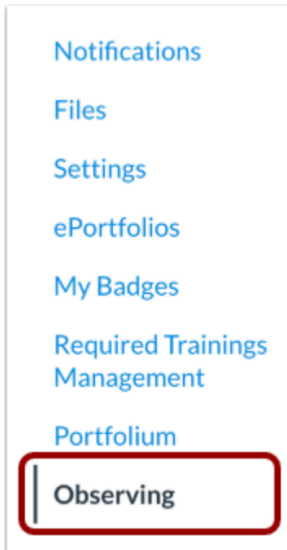Student Pairing Code   What is a pairing code?

☐ You agree to the terms of use and acknowledge the privacy
policy.

Cancel   Start Participating

Open User Settings

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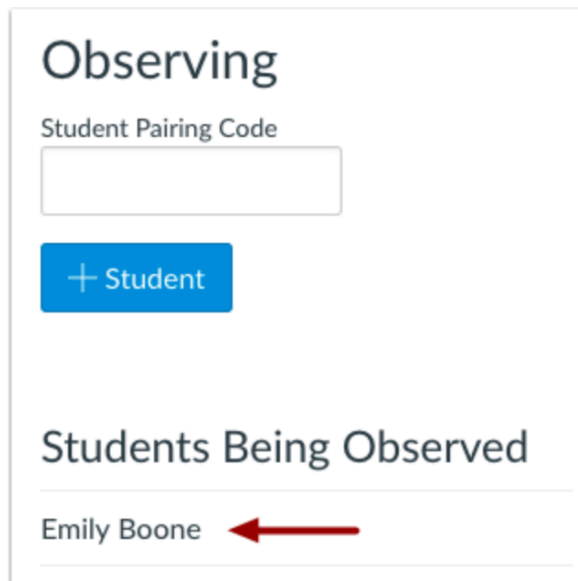
Open Observing

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

Add Student

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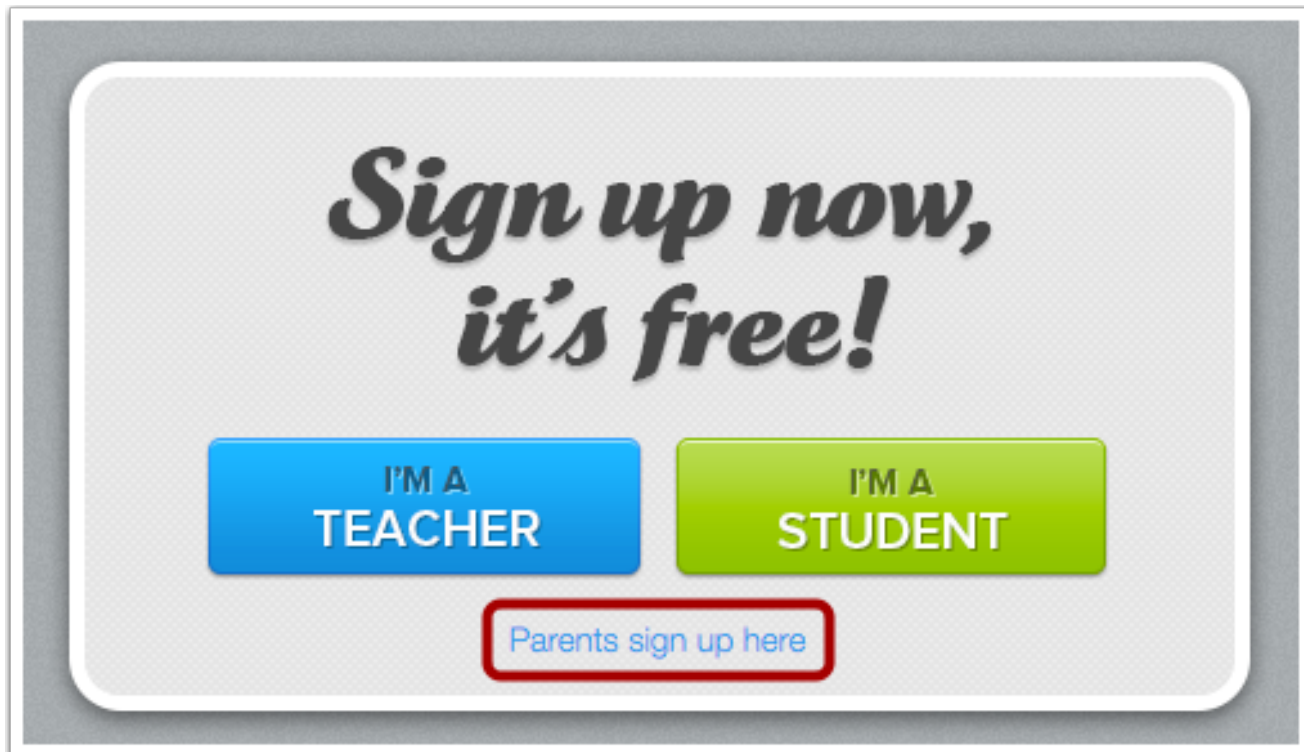
View Student

View the paired student.

Sign Up As a Parent (Free Account)

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Click the **Parents sign up here** link.

Enter Signup Details

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Your Name   [   ] ①
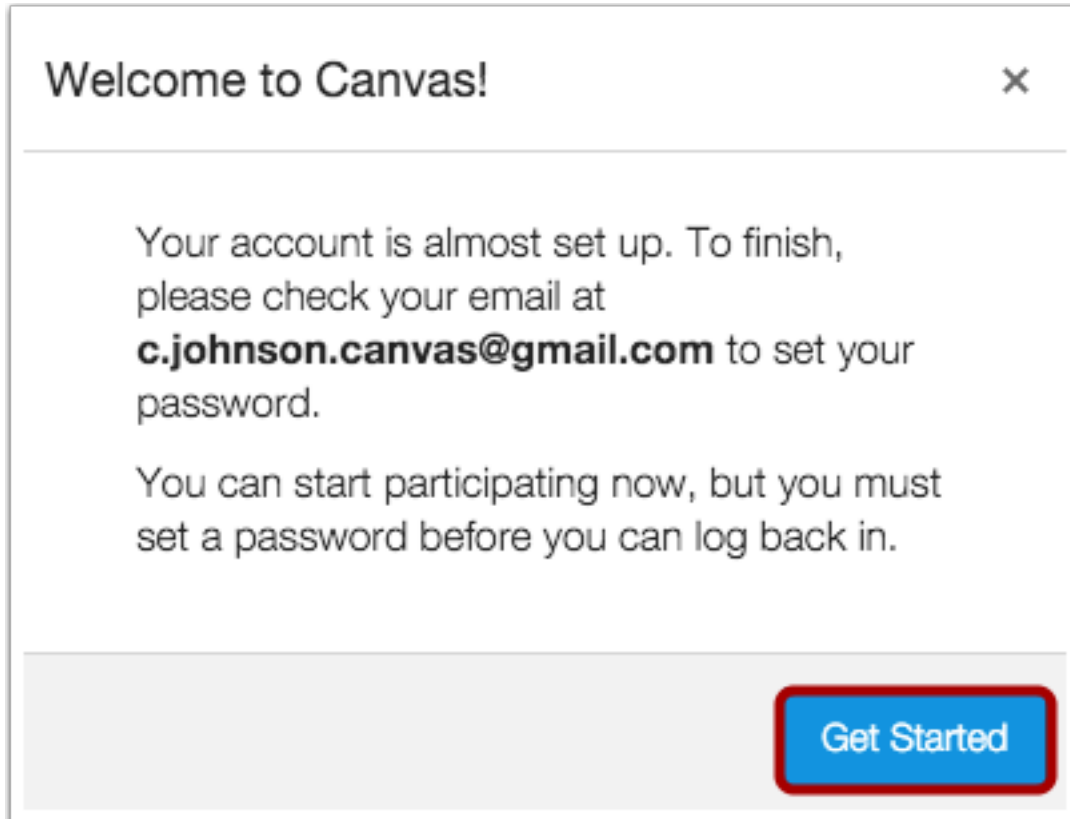
Your Email [   ] ②

Child's Username [   ] ③

Child's Password [   ] ④

⑤ ☑ You agree to the terms of use and acknowledge
    the privacy policy.

⑥ Start Participating

Enter the following information:

1. Enter your name in the name field.
2. Enter your email in the email field.
3. Enter your child's username in the child's username field.
4. Enter your child's password in the child's password field.
5. Agree to the terms of use by clicking the **You agree to the terms of use** check box.
6. Click the **Start Participating** button.

Use Canvas

While your account is not entirely set up, you can begin participating in Canvas immediately by clicking the **Get Started** button. To finish registering for Canvas, log into your email account.

Complete Registration Process

Open the email from Instructure Canvas. Click the link provided to visit the provided URL and complete the registration process.

Register for a Parent Account
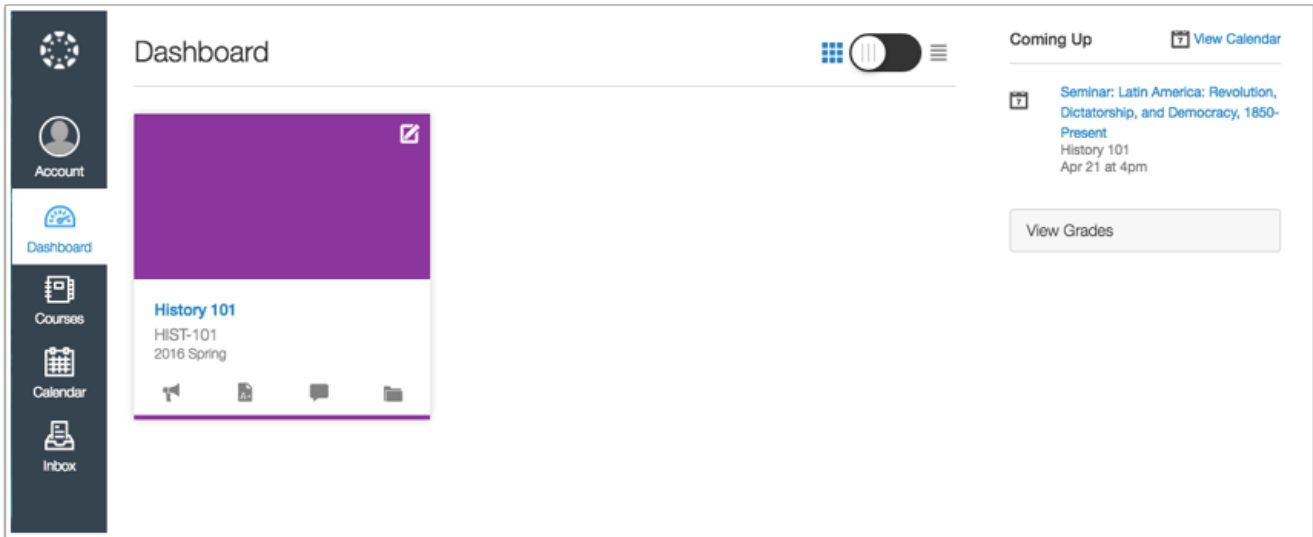
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To complete the registration process fill out the following fields:

1. Verify your email in the login field.
2. Set your password by typing in the password field.
3. Set your timezone by selecting the time zone drop-down menu.
4. Click the **Register** button. You will be redirected to the Canvas URL login page for your account.
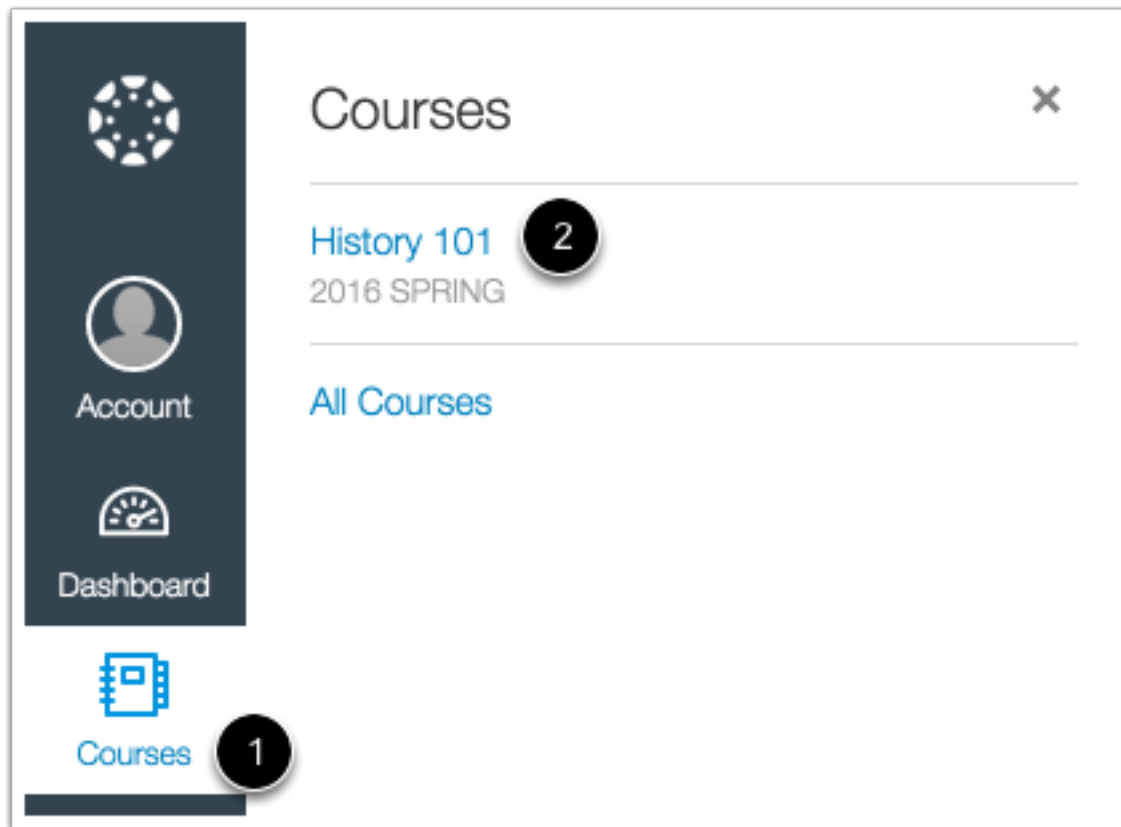
View User Dashboard

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View the user dashboard for your Canvas account.

View Course

In Global Navigation, click the **Courses** link [1], then click the name of the course [2].

Learn how to [observe additional students](#) in your account.