



Canvas Parent Observer Information



What is Canvas? Why Canvas?

Canvas is a learning management system that Seneca High School classes are using. A learning management system is a software program that allows teachers to create, administer, and grade assignments, and document and track learning. Students use the software to complete and turn in assignments. Parents also have access to the software to follow their student's assignments and progress and to engage with their student's teachers through an observer account.

How do I create a Canvas Observer Account?

1. Go to: <https://senecar7.instructure.com/login/canvas>
2. Click on the link (top right) "Parent of aCanvas User? Click Here For an Account"
3. Parent Signup info. (see below)
 - Enter your name in the name field.
 - Enter your email in the email field.
 - Create a password
 - Re-Enter password.

4. **STUDENT PAIRING CODE:**

Your child will have to access their Canvas account to complete these steps to generate a Pairing Code.

- *Account > Setting > Pair with Observer (right side of screen)*
- *Copy this code into the Student Pairing Code box.*

STUDENT PAIRING CODE: _____

- Agree to the terms of use by clicking the "You agree to the terms of use" check box.
 - Click the "Submit" button.
5. After clicking "Submit" you will need to log into the account with your email and password. This will take you to the dashboard where you can see your child's course.
 6. Under the ACCOUNT > Settings you can edit any information needed, such as notification preferences, timezone.
 7. **Observe another child:** From the ACCOUNT menu select OBSERVING and add the other child's pairing code.



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What is an Observer?

Our students actively use Canvas to complete and turn in their assignments. An "observer" is a parent or legal guardian who has created an account on Canvas to follow his or her student's progress.

Observers can:

- View and read announcements
- View the assignments index page
- View the calendar
- Join conferences, if invited
- Join collaborations, if invited
- View personal inbox
- Send conversation messages to the instructor and student they are observing
- View the dashboard
- View and read discussions
- View files unless they are locked
- View grades of student they are observing; (and filter, view scores and dates, and print grades)
- View modules and see due dates, point values, etc.
- View pages and contribute if the instructor enables the "Anyone can edit" it setting
- View profile pictures, if available
- View syllabus
- View outcomes
- View quizzes index page

Observers cannot:

- Comment on announcements or discussions
- Submit assignments or quizzes
- View course rosters
- Send conversation messages to students in the course they are not observing
- View locked files or folders
- Join groups
- View unpublished courses
- Access the Chat tool
- Reserve appointment slots in the Scheduler