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for Parents



How is Canvas being used in the classroom?

Why are teachers and students using Canvas?

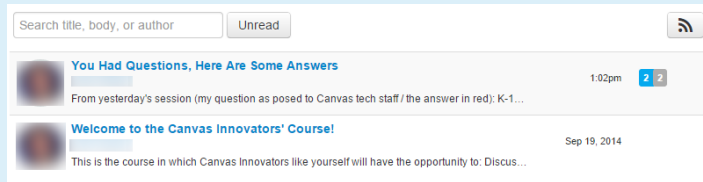
- Students have 24/7 access to course materials, such as lessons, texts, worksheets, and instructional videos.
- All of the different online tools and websites being used in class can be found in one easy location
- Teachers can create assignments, discussions, and quizzes that students submit online.
- Teachers can provide students with written, audio, or video feedback, peer-review, and multiple revision/submission opportunities
- The unified calendar, To- Do List, class announcements, and text notifications help students keep track of upcoming work and events.



What are Observers able to do in Canvas?

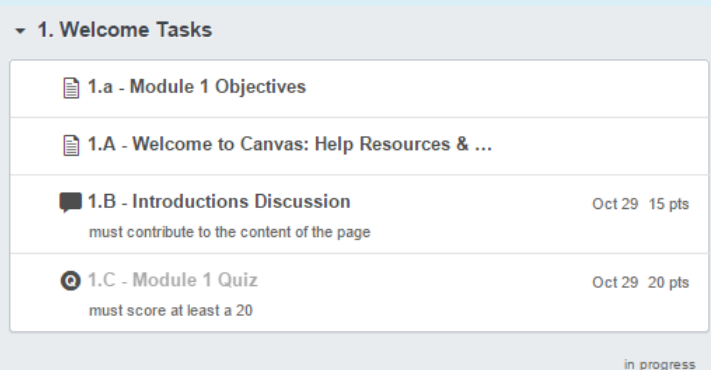
Read Announcements

Observers can read student replies to course Announcements, but they cannot add their own comments.



See Course Modules

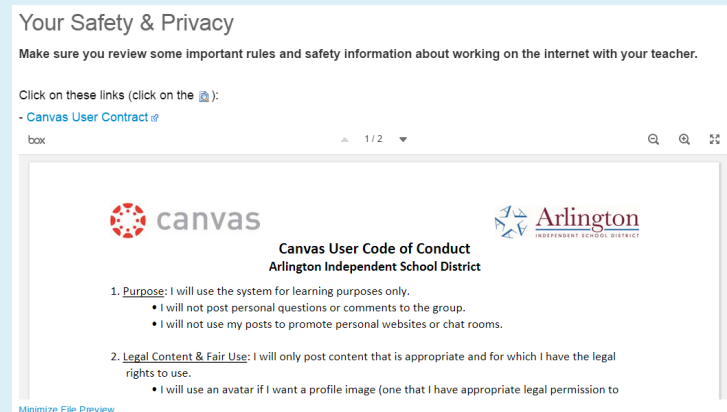
Observers can see how an Instructor has organized course content in Modules. They can also see the point values for individual assignments and access assignments, quizzes, files, etc. from here



Preview Documents in a Course

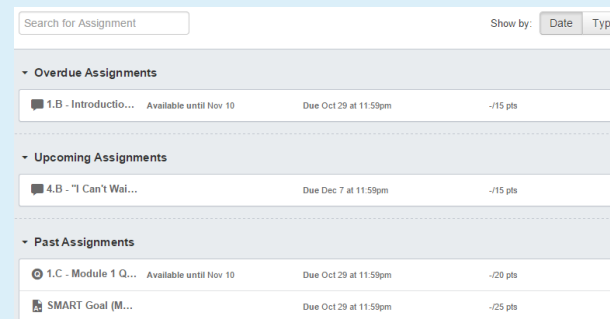
Observers can view documents in an inline document previewer.

An observer can view course Files, but if an Instructor locks a folder in course Files, Observers will not be able to view the content.



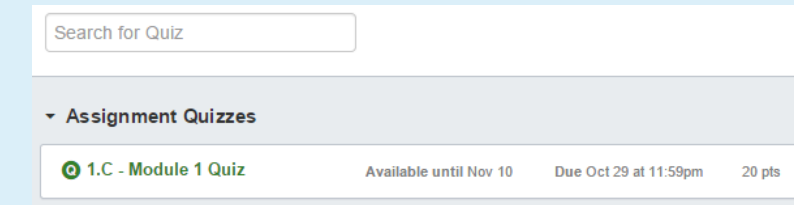
See Course Assignments

Observers can see a list of assignments due and click on their titles.



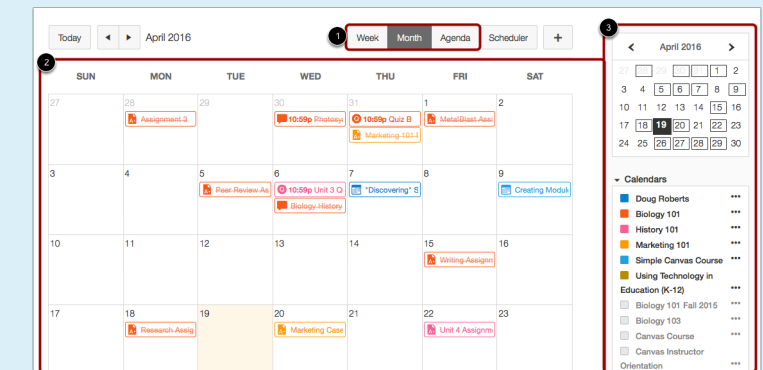
See Course Quizzes

Observers can see Quiz titles.



See the Calendar

Observers can see all Assignments due on the Calendar or upcoming Events and Quizzes, filter the calendar view by the different courses the student is enrolled in, and view undated events and assignments.



Breakdown: Canvas Calendar

- For full details and an explanation on how to use the Calendar, visit: [How Do I Use the Calendar as an Observer](#)

View Calendar

The screenshot shows the Canvas Calendar interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Today', navigation arrows, 'June 2018', and view options: 'Week', 'Month', 'Agenda', and '+'. A red box highlights this navigation bar and the main calendar grid below it. The main calendar grid shows dates from June 28 to June 30. A sidebar on the right shows a smaller calendar for June 2018 and a list of course calendars including 'Bill Sanderson', 'BIO 102', 'Biology 101', 'Chat 101', 'Classic Literature', 'History 101', 'History 101 (SIS)', 'History 210', 'History 310', 'Introduction to Oceanography', and 'Introduction to the Solar System'. A 'Calendar Feed' link is at the bottom of the sidebar.

The Calendar displays everything you are enrolled in since the Calendar spans across all courses. In the navigation bar, you can choose to view the calendar in Week, Month, or Agenda view [1]. The view you choose dictates the style of the calendar window [2]. By default, the calendar appears in **Month** view.

The sidebar [3] shows a quick-view calendar, your list of courses and groups, and undated items for your courses and groups.

View Calendar Agenda

The screenshot shows the Canvas Calendar Agenda view. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Today', 'Jun 3, 2018 - Jun 20, 2018', and view options: 'Week', 'Month', 'Agenda', and '+'. A red arrow points to the 'Agenda' button. The main content area shows a list of calendar items for the week of June 4-6, including 'Articles of Confederation vs. Constitution Topic Discussion' (due 4:29pm on Mon, Jun 4), 'To Sign or Not to Sign Discussion' (due 3:59pm on Tue, Jun 5), and 'Museum Field Trip' (10:00am on Wed, Jun 6) and 'Class Readings' (2:00pm on Wed, Jun 6).

To view all your calendar items in an agenda format, click the **Agenda** button.



Breakdown: View Grades and Work

- For full details and an explanation on how to view student work, visit: [How Do I View a Student's Grades and Work as an Observer?](#)

This screenshot shows a course dashboard with several assignment cards. On the right, a list of assignments is visible, including 'Piano Key Homework #2', 'Oct 17 Homework: Spanish Conquistadors', 'Explorers Brochure', and 'October 20... Day'. Below this list, under the 'Recent Feedback' section, a 'View Grades' button is highlighted with a red box.

This screenshot shows the 'Grades for Bruce Jones' page. At the top right, a 'Print Grades' button is highlighted with a red box. Below the course name, there are dropdown menus for 'Course' and 'Arrange By', and an 'Apply' button. A table of assignments follows, with columns for Name, Due, Status, Score, and Out of. The 'Writing Skills' row has a red arrow pointing to the score column. On the right side, there is a 'Total: 89.39%' and a 'Show All Details' button. A checkbox for 'Calculate based only on graded assignments' is checked.

Name	Due	Status	Score	Out of
Welcome!	Jan 27 by 11:59pm		10	10
Introduce Yourself!	Feb 1 by 11:59pm		10	10
Quiz #1	Feb 3 by 11:59pm		19	21
Writing Skills	Feb 5 by 11:59pm		-	10
Assignment #2 - Personal Essay	Feb 11 by 11:59pm	LATE	T	10

This screenshot shows a table of 'Linked Student Accounts'. The table lists student names, course names, and their current grades. A red box highlights the 'View Student Work' link for 'Bruce Jones, History 101'.

Student Name	Course	Grade
Bruce Jones	Classic Literature	no grade
Bruce Jones	Biology 101	0.0%
Emily Boone	Biology 101	78.41%
Emily Boone	History 101	94.67%
Bruce Jones	History 101	88.0%



Breakdown: Canvas Courses

- For full details and an explanation on how to navigate courses, visit: [How Do I Navigate a Canvas course as an Observer](#)

View Course Home Page

HIST 101

1 Home
Modules
Assignments
Announcements
Discussions
Quizzes
Grades
Pages
Files
Syllabus
BigBlueButton
Collaborations
Google Drive
Office 365

2 Recent Announcements

Class Chat
Join us on Zoom tonight for an op...
Posted on: Jul 1, 2021 at 2:23pm

History 101

AMERICAN HISTORY
INSTRUCTOR: AREN JUREL

The DECLARATION of INDEPENDENCE
The ARTICLES of CONFEDERATION & The CONSTITUTION
The REVOLUTION
The BILL of RIGHTS

3 View Course Stream
View Course Notifications
Coming Up View Calendar
Nothing for the next week

The Course Home Page involves Course Navigation [1], the content area [2], and the sidebar [3].



Observers Cannot...

- **Submit Assignments** *There is no submission button on Assignment detail pages.*
- **Take Quizzes** *Observers cannot take Quizzes. There is no link to "Take this Quiz".*
- **Join Course Groups** *Instructors and students can create groups inside of Canvas that make it easy to collaborate in smaller groups. Observers cannot be added to or interact inside of Groups.*
- **See Course Discussions** *Because of student privacy issues, observers are not allowed to view class discussions.*
- **Send Messages to Students** *Observers can only send messages to Instructors. They cannot send messages to Students in the course.*
- **See Course Rosters** *Observers will not be able to see the names of enrolled Students or their Registered Services.*
- **See Unpublished Courses** *Like students, Observers cannot view a course until it is published and the course has started.*



Creating your Observer Account

- Parents and guardians often want the ability to see their students' grades, assignment dues dates, course assignments, announcements, and other content. Manasquan School District values and encourages parent/guardian participation in the student learning process. The district has enabled parents and guardians to self-enroll and create a Canvas account while simultaneously linking their account to their students'.
- In Canvas, parents & guardians function as **observers**. This means that you will have limited permissions that allow you to see what is going on in a course without interrupting or participating in the course.

To create your Observer Account, follow the steps provided on the School District [website](#).



The screenshot shows the Manasquan Public School District website. The header includes the district logo and name, "Home of the Warriors", and navigation icons for Parent Portal, Canvas, Office 365, and Calendar. The main navigation menu includes Home, About Us, Board of Education, Parents & Community, Students & Services, Alumni, Contact Us, and Faculty Resources. The current page is "Canvas LMS" under the "Technology" section. The page content is split into two columns: "Canvas for Students & Faculty" and "Canvas for Parents". The "Canvas for Parents" section includes instructions for parents to register for their own account to access their child's online courses and a link to a "Parent Quick Start Guide". A reminder note states: "Remember: If asked for your username it must be in the format: `username@manasquan.k12.nj.us`".

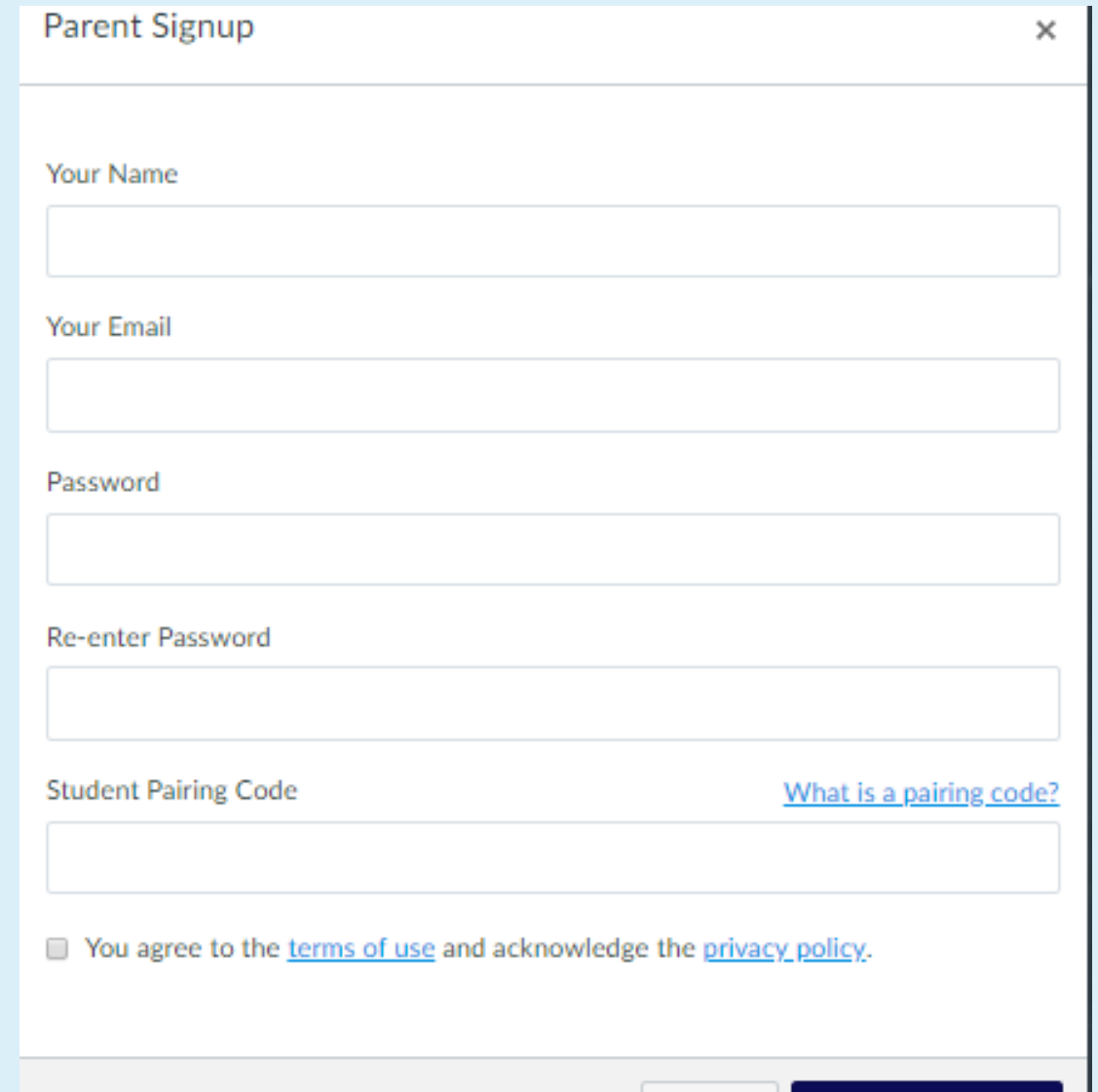


Creating your Observer Account

The important area to note in the sign-up window is the Pairing Code.

Pairing codes can be generated by a student or by the school's Canvas Admin. Once generated, the pairing code can only be used to link the student who created the code or had the code created on their behalf. Additional pairing codes must be created for each student that will be linked to an observer.

The student can find the Pairing Code under Settings once he/she logs into her account.



The screenshot shows a 'Parent Signup' form with the following fields and elements:

- Your Name:** A text input field.
- 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.
- You agree to the [terms of use](#) and acknowledge the [privacy policy](#).



Signing into your Canvas Observer Account

Whenever you are accessing your Canvas account, you want to be sure you are logging into:

- <https://manasquan.instructure.com/login/canvas>
- (and viewing the login screen that you see to the top-right)

This can be accessed from the school's website or bookmarked for future use.

Please be aware:

Currently, emails from Canvas with links to courses and content will not direct you to the proper login screen.

