



# Canvas Quick Start Guide: Parents & Guardians



## What is Canvas?

Canvas LMS (Learning Management System) is a one-stop shop for everything happening in your student's classroom. It's a digital hub that makes keeping track of assignments, announcements, and communicating with teachers seamless. Canvas will enhance teaching and learning in CCS, and it gives parents and guardians even more access to their student's academic journey.



## Getting Started

Parents and guardians can see their student's course content, due dates, and announcements by creating an Observer account in Canvas. Observer accounts can be accessed using an Internet browser or downloading the Canvas Parent Mobile App.

Before creating an Observer account, parents and guardians will need Pairing Code generated by their student's account.

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Need a Canvas Account?  
Click Here, It's Free!

Email

Password

☐ Stay signed in

[Forgot Password?](#)

Log In

Parent Signup

Your Name

Your Email

Child's Username

Child's Password

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

Start Participating

## Staying Connected

Parents and guardians can receive personalized notifications from Canvas that help them stay connected with everything happening in their student's classes. Notifications can be delivered in real-time, daily, or weekly, and they provide another layer to support academic progress.

### Notification Preferences

☒ Notify me right away   
 ☐ Send daily summary   
 ☐ Send weekly summary   
 ☒ Do not send me anything

Course Activities	Email Address emily.boone.canvas@gmail.com	Email Address emboone86@gmail.com	Cell Number 8013196118@txt.att.net	Push Notification For All Devices
Due Date	<div>1</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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Each notification is set to a default preference. To change a notification for a contact method, locate the notification and click the icon for your preferred delivery type.

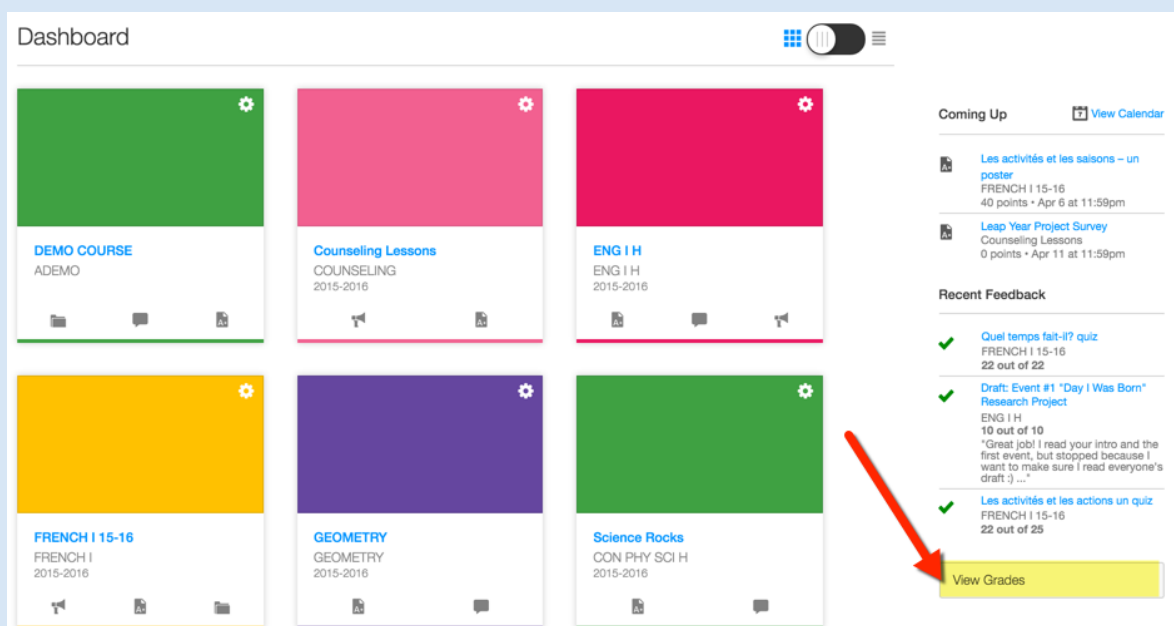
- To receive a notification right away, click the **check mark** icon [1]. *These notifications are delayed by one hour in case an instructor makes additional changes, which prevents you from being spammed by multiple notifications in a short amount of time.*
- To receive a daily notification, click the **clock** icon [2].
- To receive a weekly notification, click the **calendar** icon [3]. The date and time of your weekly notifications are posted at the bottom of the notifications page.
- If you do not want to receive a notification, click the **remove** icon [4].



## Using Your Observer Account

Parents and guardians have two options to manage their Observer account: using an Internet browser or the Canvas Parent Mobile App. Both have benefits, but they have different features. The web browser option will look very similar to what your student is used to seeing. The app provides a higher-level view of the course and you won't be able to see as much information.

As an Observer, you will have limited permissions that allow you to see what is going on in a course without interrupting or participating in the course.



### What Can I do in My Observer Account?

- See your student's grades
- See the class calendar
- See teacher posted resources
- See assignments your student has posted
- See teacher feedback on your student's assignments
- Communicate with the teacher through messaging

### What Can't I do in My Observer Account?

- See other student's information or assignments
- See/participate in discussions
- Message others in the class
- Complete assignments/quizzes for your student