Parent Canvas Account Set-Up

At Lufkin Road Middle School all teachers will be using Canvas as their learning management system and teacher website. Canvas has replaced Google Classroom. Below is information on how to set up your parent Canvas account so you can have access to class information and materials. Students will receive information about their accounts during the first week of school. Please remember that Canvas is a recent district requirement and will thus be new for teachers and staff. We appreciate your patience and flexibility as we implement this new learning management system. If you need support signing up for a Canvas account, please contact Ms. Hess at khess2@wcpss.net.

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. In order to create a Canvas account, you will need the Canvas URL associated with the school where your student is enrolled. For LRMS, the url is: https://wcpss.instructure.com/login/canvas.

Notes:
1. Families will not be able to view teacher websites in Canvas until they link their account to each of their children using a "pairing code." These pairing codes will be generated by teachers and sent home with students the first week of school. See more info HERE.
2. Once you have an account, you will be able to view student information through the Canvas Parent app. Access to the Canvas Parent app is controlled by the student's school. If you already have an account from your student's school as an observer, you can always view student information through the Canvas Parent app.
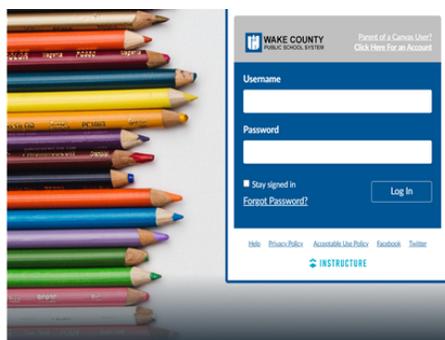
Complete the Steps Below to Create a Parent Canvas Account

Step 1: Open Canvas URL

In a browser window, enter your school's Canvas URL (https://wcpss.instructure.com/login/canvas).

Step 2: Create Canvas Account

Click the **Click here for an account** link.

Enter Signup Details

Parent Signup ✕

Your Name

1

Your Email

2

Password

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Re-enter Password

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Student Pairing Code   What is a pairing code?

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

7 ☐ I'm not a robot   reCAPTCHA
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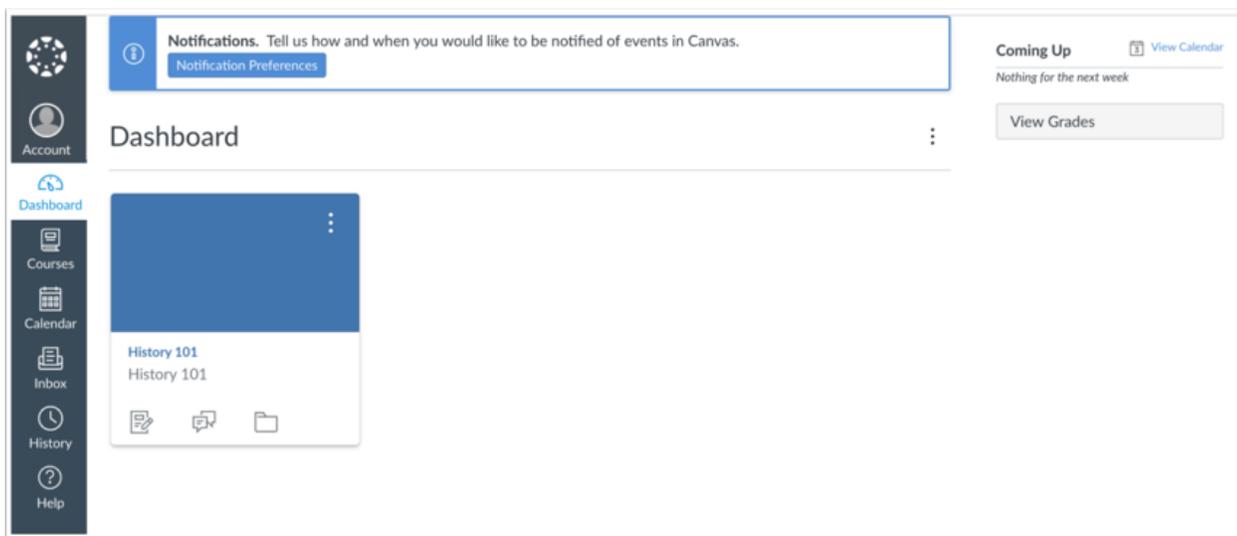
Cancel **8** Start Participating

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.
   a. Note: Two separate pairing codes will be provided to you the first week of school. They will be sent home with students. Please be aware that each pairing code expires after seven days. Each pairing code can only be used once for a single parent.
6. Agree to the terms of use by clicking the **You agree to the terms of use** checkbox.
7. Confirm that you are not a robot by completing the Captcha form (if enabled by your student's school).
8. Click the **Start Participating** button.

Note: Students can generate pairing codes from their User Settings. View this page on our school website (under parents tab) and CLICK HERE to see those instructions.

Step 3: Begin Observing

You can begin observing your student in Canvas immediately.

Visit this page on our school website (under parents tab) and CLICK HERE to learn how to observe additional students in your account.

Visit this page on our school website (under parents tab) and CLICK HERE to learn how to modify your Canvas notification preferences.

Visit this page on our school website (under parents tab) and CLICK HERE to create a Canvas app account on an Android device. CLICK HERE for an iOS device. CLICK HERE to view a video on using the app.

What does an Observer Account allow a parent to do?

What a parent account can do:

- View and read announcements
- View assignments index page
- View the calendar
- Join conferences, if invited
- Join collaborations, if invited
- View personal inbox
- Send conversation messages to instructor and student they are observing
- View the dashboard
- View and read discussions
- View files unless they are locked
- View grades, view assignment due dates and comments, and print grades (PowerSchool is still the definitive source for student grades, though)
- View modules and see due dates and point values
- 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

What a parent account cannot do:

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

Helpful Videos (click to view)

- Logging In and Accessing Courses
- Student Dashboard Overview
- View Grading and Feedback
- Pairing Codes for Parent Accounts
- Calendar Overview
- Assignment Submissions