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Overview

Canvas Parent enhances the potential for parents to engage in their children's education. Parents can review upcoming or past assignments, check on grades, and receive alerts for student activity. Canvas Parent can be used by any Canvas user with an *observer* account.

* Keep in mind that New Trier provides grade information in both the Canvas and PowerSchool systems. However, parents are encouraged to access PowerSchool for assignment-level and final term (quarter & semester) grades. IMPORTANT: Canvas and PowerSchool share information via a sync, and there may be times when the grades are still being updated and may not match.

In order to create an *observer* account, you will need a *Pairing code*, which will "link" you to your New Trier student(s). *Pairing codes* can be generated by students following these instructions. Keep in mind that pairing codes will expire after 7 days.

NOTE: Parent access to Canvas is *optional* and access is not automatically granted to parents/families. If parents/guardians would like an *observer* account in Canvas, please work with your student to acquire a *pairing code*. The instructions in this document will walk you through the account set up process.

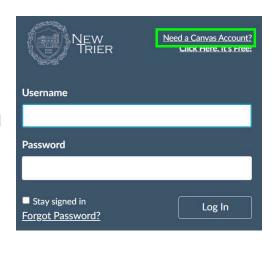
Create Your Account (Browser)

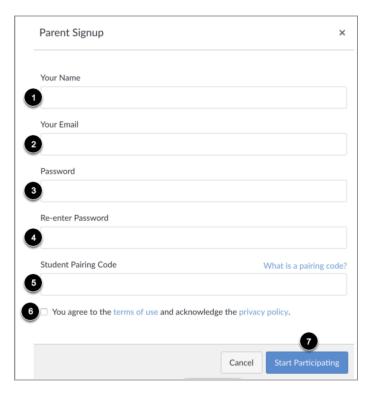
- 1. Go to https://newtrier.instructure.com/login/canvas. The NT Canvas portal for families is found under "Parents/Community". Click on the "Canvas for Parents" link.
- 2. Click "Need a Canvas Account?". If you already created a Canvas account in previous years, log in with the username and password you created. If you forgot your password, you will be able to reset your password.
- 3. At the next window, select "Parents sign up here"





- 4. (1) Enter your name in the Your Name field.
 - (2) Enter your email in the Your Email field (NT teachers with NT students will need to use their personal email address).
 - (3) Enter your password in the Password field. Passwords should be unique and secure.
 - (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.
 - (6) Agree to the terms of use by clicking the You agree to the terms of use checkbox.
 - (7) Click the **Start Participating** button.





Canvas Parent Tips

TIP #1

Customize Your Dashboard (Browser Only)

- Color code each child's course tile or
- Rename each course tile with a nickname
- Rearrange dashboard tiles

TIP #2

Adjust Your Notifications (Browser Only)

Account > Notifications.. And adjust

TIP # 3

Visit the Calendar

- View calendar events by week, month, or agenda list
- Only 10 course and group calendars will be shown at one time



TIP # 4

Message a teacher

• The Canvas inbox allows you to communicate with teachers

TIP # 5

View grades

- Select VIEW GRADES from the dashboard for a high-level overview
- OR Select a course dash card from the dashboard > grades for more detail

TIP # 6

Log in to CANVAS PARENT (iOS) (Android)

** Keep in mind that the Canvas Parent mobile apps are limited. For best results, access Canvas via a browser (you can use the Safari or Google Chrome app on mobile devices).

- Via Canvas URL (<u>iOS</u>) (<u>Android</u>)
- Via QR code NEW!!!! (iOS)

TIP # 7

View Courses (iOS) (Android)

- The default view shows the course list and current grade
- Tap the course name for more information

TIP #8

View the Calendar on the app! (iOS) (Android)

- The app allows you to see events and assignments for one student at a time.
- Multiple dots indicate multiple assignments or events
- Select the assignment to "Set Reminder"

TIP #9

Set Alerts! (iOS) (Android)

- Manage alerts for your linked children including:
 - Course grades
 - Missing assignments
 - Assignment grades
 - Announcements
- Go to Manage Students > select student > adjust alerts
- Then, view alerts (iOS) (Android)

FAQs & Support

- What happens if I need a new Pairing Code?
 - Students can <u>generate a Pairing Code</u> through the Canvas Student app or through the browser.
- What if I forget my password?
 - If you don't know your password, tap the *Forgot Password?* link from the Canvas parent portal.

If you have questions about Canvas content or grades, please reach out to your student's teacher(s).

Parent App Resources

How do I generate a pairing code for an observer (parent) as a student?

Canvas Mobile Updates & Release Notes

Canvas Parent Visibility

Observer Guides

Parent App Guides - parents have access to these guides if they have questions about the app

Canvas LMS for Parents - Canvas YouTube Video

How to set Canvas Notification Preferences