

### What is the Canvas Learning Management System?

Canvas is the Learning Management System selected by the state of Virginia. A learning management system (LMS) is software used to deliver, track, and manage online and blended learning programs, serving as a central platform for content, assignments, and progress. It functions as a "home base" for users, allowing instructors or administrators to create, deliver, and report on instruction. At the same time, learners can access their course materials, submit assignments, and monitor their progress.

### When and how will teachers use Canvas?

Starting in the 2026-2027 school year, all teachers in grades 5-12 will use Canvas to track and enter all assignments given to students. Canvas will be the running record of all graded assignments. Entering assignments in Canvas will allow teachers to sync the assignments to PowerSchool for final grade calculation. This will promote transparency and consistency for students, as they will be able to see all assignments and their completed status listed in Canvas.

### How will grades be available in Canvas and PowerSchool?

Teachers will enable the Canvas grade sync with PowerSchool, RPS's student information system. Observers and students can monitor student progress on online assignment completion through the Canvas portal. This will show which assignments have been completed and the grades for each online assignment. Ongoing grade averages will be visible through PowerSchool so that observers and students can monitor their official recorded grade progress through the PowerSchool site. PowerSchool will be the one true source of average grades for all assignments.

### Resources

Click on the linked questions below for directions on grade syncing:

- [How do I sync my Canvas assignment groups to my PowerSchool grading categories?](#)
- [How do I sync grades from Canvas to the PowerSchool gradebook?](#)
- [Where do I find guides on Canvas and other educational technology resources? \(Must be logged into Canvas\)](#)