

How do I sign up for a Canvas account as a parent?

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 due dates, announcements, and other course content. Observers can view the course content but cannot participate in the course.

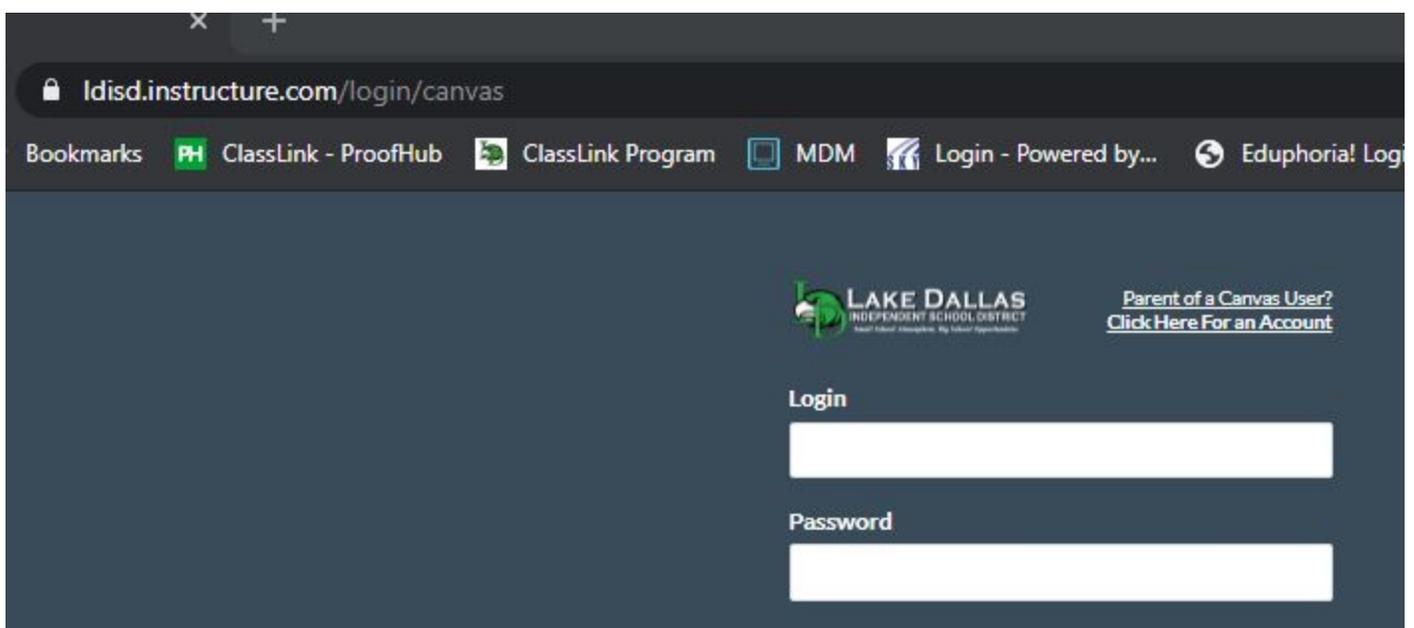
This lesson is for parents who do not have a Canvas account and want to observe their students in their courses. In order to create a Canvas account, you will need the Canvas URL associated with the institution where your student is enrolled.

Lake Dallas Independent School District Canvas specific URL is ldisd.instructure.com

Notes:

- To observe a student, you must have a [student pairing code](#).
- Through the mandatory LDISD Canvas Intro Course, your student has walked through the steps to provide you this important pairing code. We encourage the students to walk through the process with you!
- The pairing code is only valid for 7 days after creation and only one use. Students can create up to 5 observer pairing codes as needed.
- Once you have an account, you may be able to view student information through the [Canvas Parent app](#). Access to the [Canvas Parent app](#) is controlled by the student's institution. If you already have an account from your student's institution as an observer, you can always view student information through the [Canvas Parent app](#).

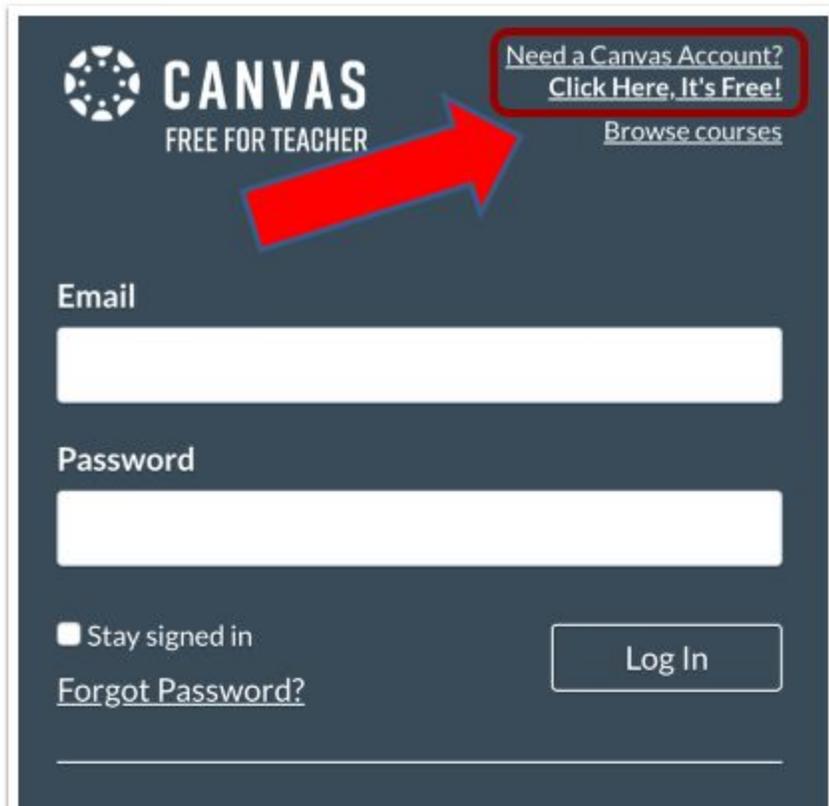
Open Canvas URL for PARENTS



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying ldisd.instructure.com/login/canvas. The browser's bookmark bar includes links for ClassLink - ProofHub, ClassLink Program, MDM, and Login - Powered by... The page content features the Lake Dallas Independent School District logo on the left and a link for "Parent of a Canvas User? Click Here For an Account" on the right. Below the logo, there are two input fields: "Login" and "Password".

In a browser window, enter your institution's Canvas URL (ldisd.instructure.com/login/canvas)

Create Canvas Account



The image shows the Canvas login page. At the top left is the Canvas logo and the text "CANVAS FREE FOR TEACHER". In the top right corner, there is a link "Need a Canvas Account? Click Here, It's Free!" which is highlighted with a red box. Below this link is another link "Browse courses". A large red arrow points from the "Need a Canvas Account?" link towards the login form. The login form includes an "Email" input field, a "Password" input field, a checkbox for "Stay signed in", a "Log In" button, and a link for "Forgot Password?".

Click the **Need a Canvas Account?** link.

Sign Up As a Parent (Free Account)



The image is a sign-up banner with a grey background. It features the text "Sign up now, it's free!" in a large, bold, italicized font. Below this text are two buttons: a blue button labeled "I'M A TEACHER" and a green button labeled "I'M A STUDENT". At the bottom center, there is a link "Parents sign up here" which is highlighted with a red box.

Click the **Parents sign up here** link.

Enter Signup Details

Parent Signup ×

Your Name 1

Your Email 2

Password 3

Re-enter Password 4

Student Pairing Code 5 [What is a pairing code?](#)

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

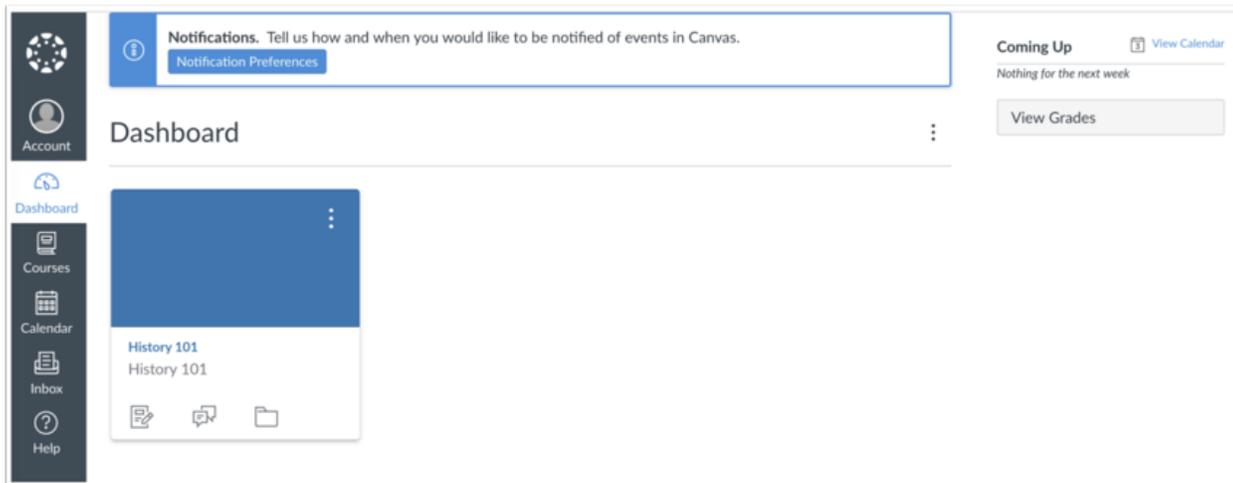
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Enter the following information:

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.
6. Agree to the terms of use by clicking the **You agree to the terms of use** checkbox.
7. Click the **Start Participating** button.

Note: Students can [generate pairing codes](#) from their User Settings.

Begin Observing



You can begin observing your student in Canvas immediately.

- Learn how to [observe additional students](#) in your account.
- Learn how to modify your Canvas [notification preferences](#).