



Parent Observer Accounts



Canvas



What is Canvas?

Canvas is a Learning Management System (think Blackboard, Moodle, etc.) This web application is a comprehensive method to deliver instruction. Institutions from K-12 public schools to Harvard all use Canvas for online instruction.

Students will access all SCMS courses through Canvas. A direct link to CMS Canvas courses is

cms.instructure.com

What can I see in Canvas?

Parents are able to observe a student's Canvas courses. An observer can see the directions, modules and assignments within a class.

A parent cannot talk with other students, see student work, or view any sensitive student information outside of their own child.

This is how you hold your student accountable when they say :

“Mrs. Thompson didn't post anything in Canvas.”

NOT TRUE!! You can look in Canvas, see the work and take their phone as a punishment ;) haha!

How should My Student Login to Canvas?

Students can [login to Canvas](#) using their NCEdCloud account OR their CMS Google Account. Both work!

NOTE: Most students forget their NCEdCloud account credentials for whatever reason. Please have them login to Canvas using CMS Google Account if that is the case.

My Student Forgot All Their Passwords.

Any teacher can reset students' Google and NCEdCloud password. You may also send the student to see Mrs. Frick in the Media Center for assistance with passwords.

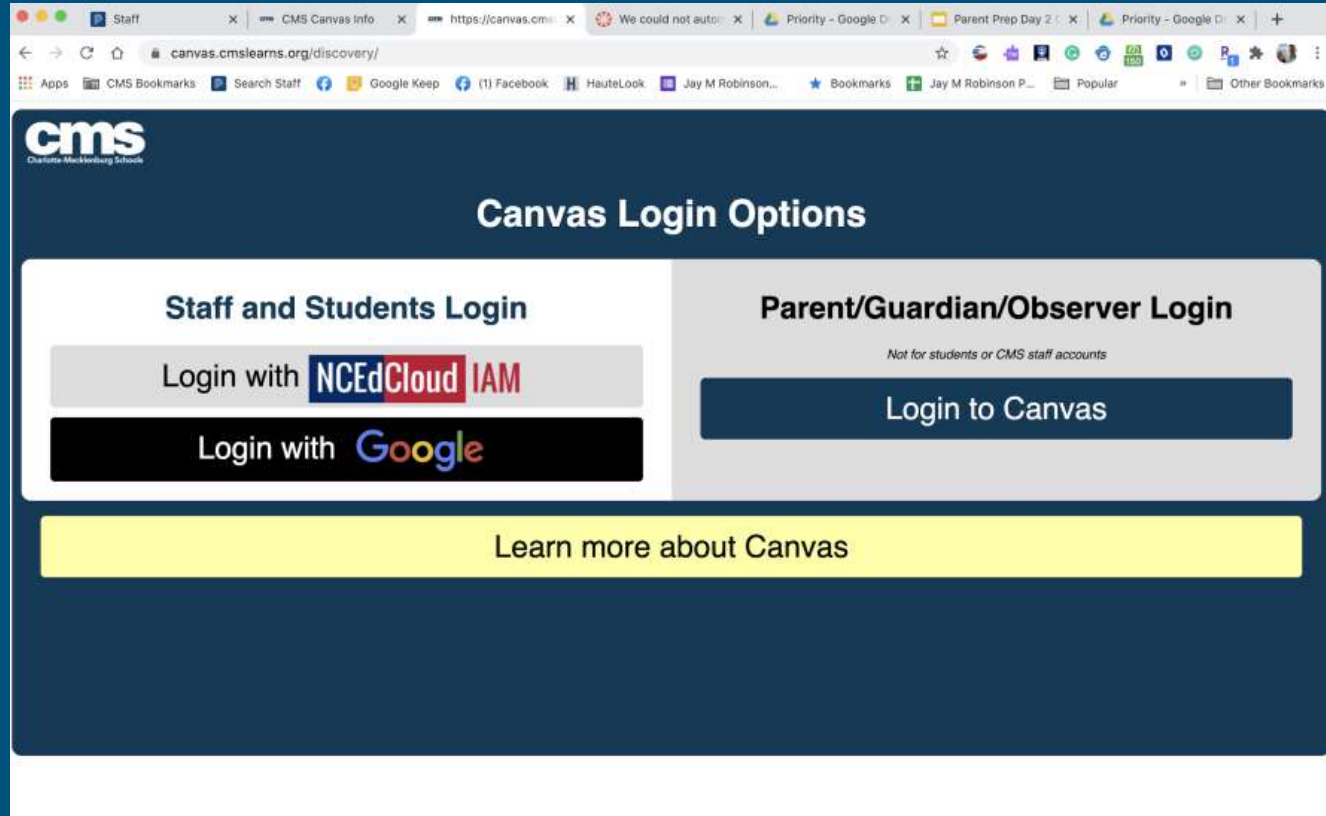
How do I Access My Student's Canvas Courses?

There are two major steps to gaining Canvas access: (1) retrieve your student's pairing code and (2) create a parent account. You must complete these steps in this order to successfully gain access.

Retrieving Your Student's Canvas Pairing Code

Step 1: Have your student log into Canvas Cms.instructure.com

Students can log into
Canvas using their
NCEdCloud account
Or CMS Google
Account.



Step 2: Click on Circle then “Settings” Option

The screenshot shows the CMS user interface. At the top left, the user's profile is displayed with the name "Rebecca Thompson" and a "Logout" button. Below the profile, a sidebar menu lists several options: Notifications, Profile, Files, Settings, ePortfolios, Shared Content, My Badges, and QR for Mobile Login. The "Settings" option is highlighted with a red arrow. Another red arrow points from the user's profile picture to the "Settings" option in the sidebar. A red box is placed over the "Settings" option in the sidebar, and a red arrow points from this box to the "Settings" option in the main content area. The main content area displays various cards, including "Chargers", "2018-2019 MTSS Administrator C...", "ADERSHIP MEETINGS 2019 - 2020", and "We're all in this TOGETHER". The right sidebar shows a "To Do" list with tasks like "Grade DOM: Canvas Page Assignment", "Grade D.O.M. - Canvas Profile Settings Assignment", "Grade D.O.M. - GAFE", "Grade D.O.M. - Atomic Learning Tech Skills", and "Grade Test 1".

First Click: Circle

Second Click: Settings

<https://cms.instructure.com/profile/settings>

Step 3: Click on “Pair with Observer”

The screenshot shows the 'Rebecca Thompson's settings' page. On the left is a sidebar with navigation links: Notifications, Profile, Files, Settings (highlighted), ePortfolios, Shared Content, My Badges, and QR for Mobile Login. The main content area is titled 'Rebecca Thompson's Settings' and includes a profile picture. Below the title are fields for Full Name (Thompson, Rebecca K), Display Name (Rebecca Thompson), Sortable Name (Thompson, Rebecca K), Language (System Default (English (US))), and Time Zone (Eastern Time (US & Canada)). Below these is a 'Ways to Log In' section with a table:

Organization	Login
Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools	4759112138
Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools	rebeccak.thompson@cms.k12.nc.us

Below the table is a 'Web Services' section with a paragraph and a checkbox labeled 'Let fellow course/group members see which services I've linked to my profile' which is checked. On the right side of the page is a 'Ways to Contact' section with 'Email Addresses' (rebeccak.thompson... with a star and a '+ Email Address' link) and 'Other Contacts' (a table with columns 'Other Contacts' and 'Type' containing two entries: '3302043951@vtext....' with 'sms' type and 'For All Devices' with 'push' type). Below the contact information are buttons for 'Edit Settings', 'Download Submissions', and 'Pair with Observer'. A red arrow points from the 'Pair with Observer' button back to the 'Time Zone' field.

Step 4: WRITE DOWN THIS CODE!

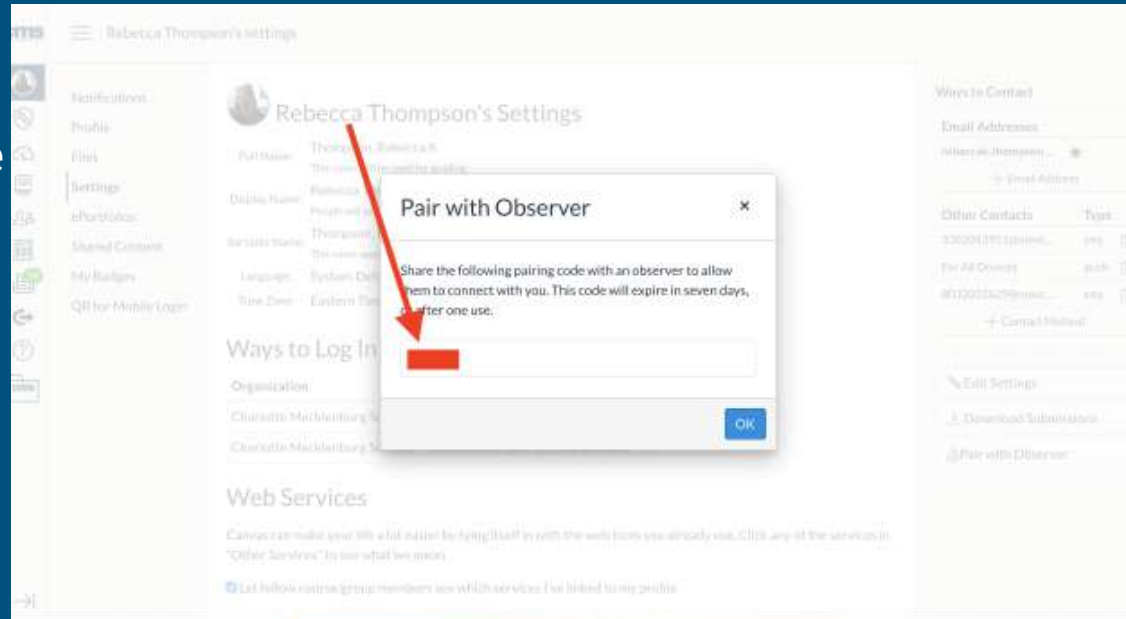
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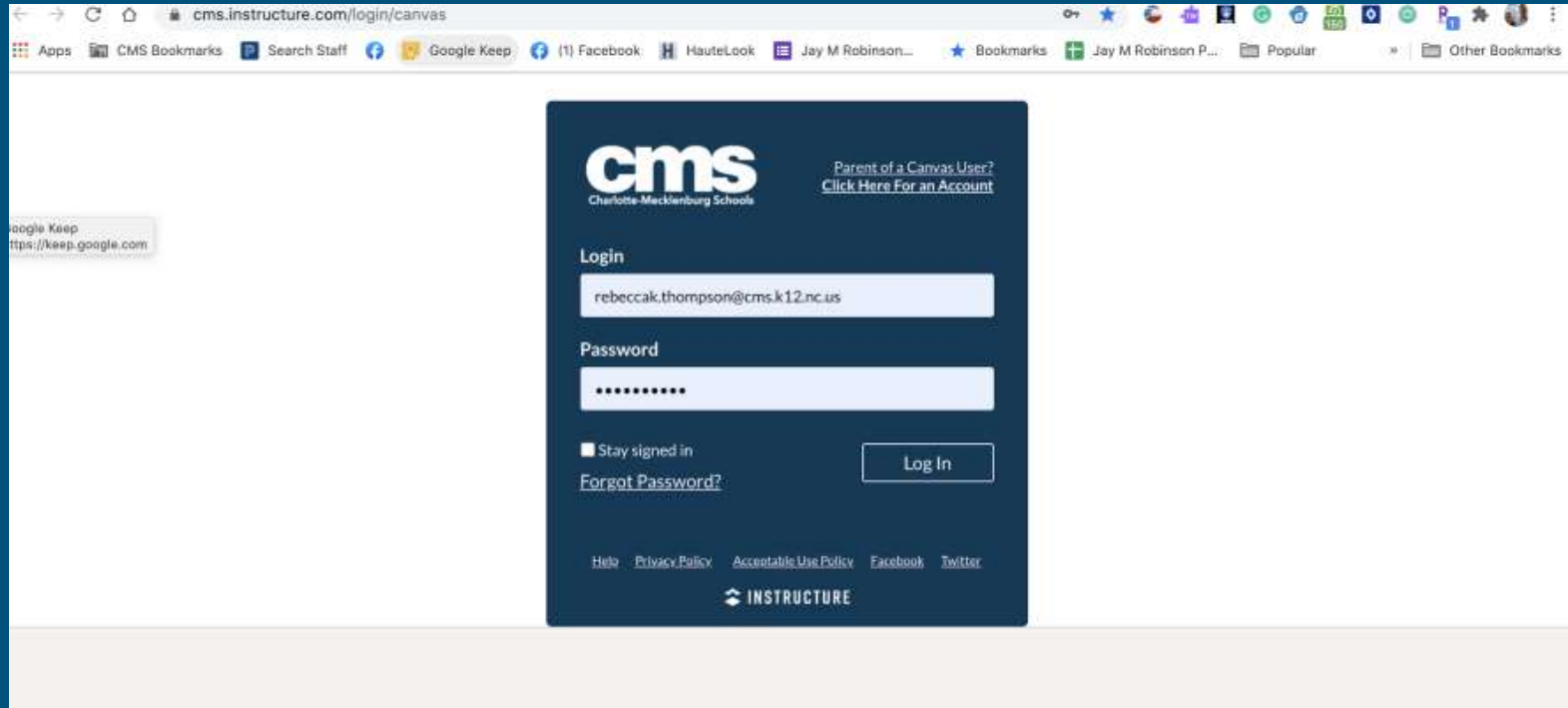
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Creating a Canvas Parent Account with your Student Pairing Code

HALFWAY THERE, SHOCKERS!

Step 1: Go to <https://cms.instructure.com/login/canvas>



A screenshot of a web browser displaying the login page for CMS Instructure. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://cms.instructure.com/login/canvas>. The page features a dark blue login form with the CMS logo (Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools) and a link for parents. The login fields contain the email `rebeccak.thompson@cms.k12.nc.us` and a masked password. A 'Log In' button is visible, along with links for 'Forgot Password?' and 'Stay signed in'. The footer includes links for 'Help', 'Privacy Policy', 'Acceptable Use Policy', 'Facebook', and 'Twitter', and the Instructure logo.

cms.instructure.com/login/canvas

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Parent of a Canvas User?
[Click Here For an Account](#)

Login

rebeccak.thompson@cms.k12.nc.us

Password

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☐ Stay signed in

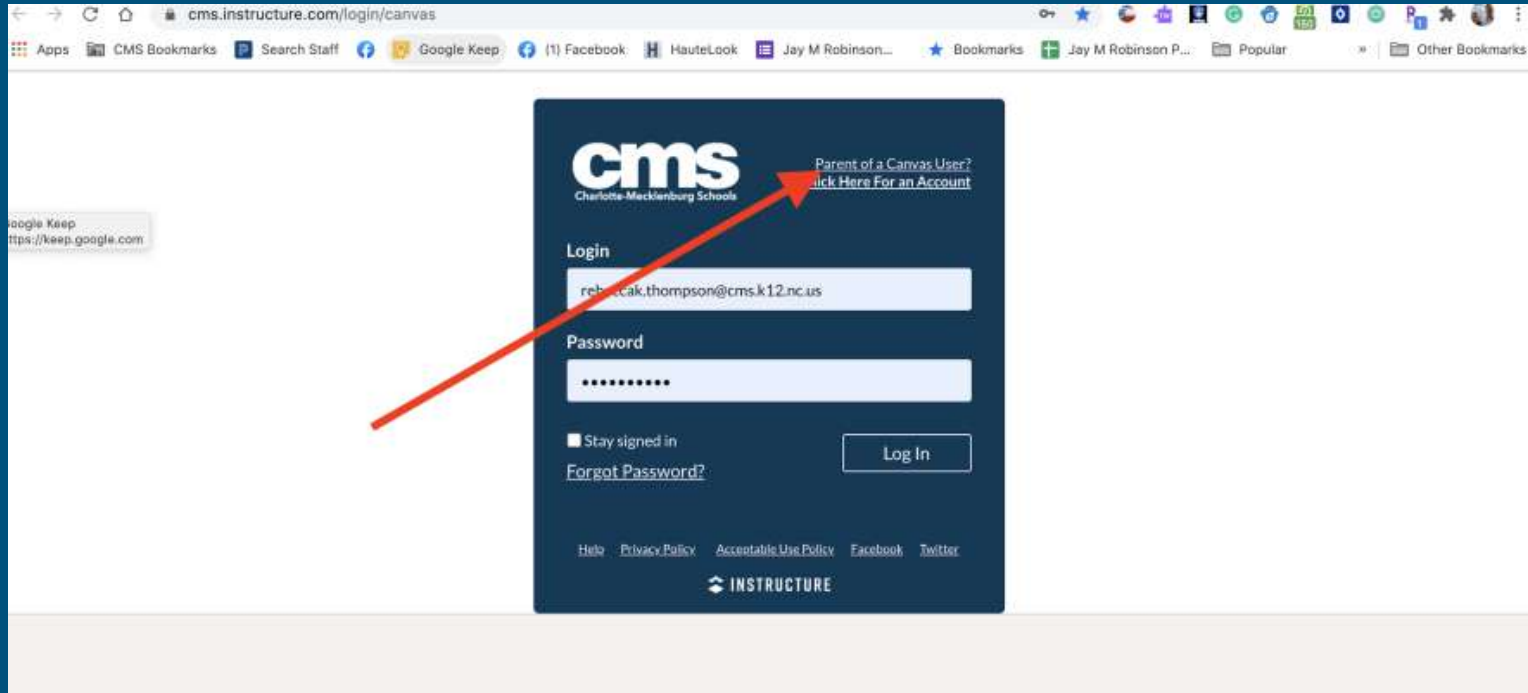
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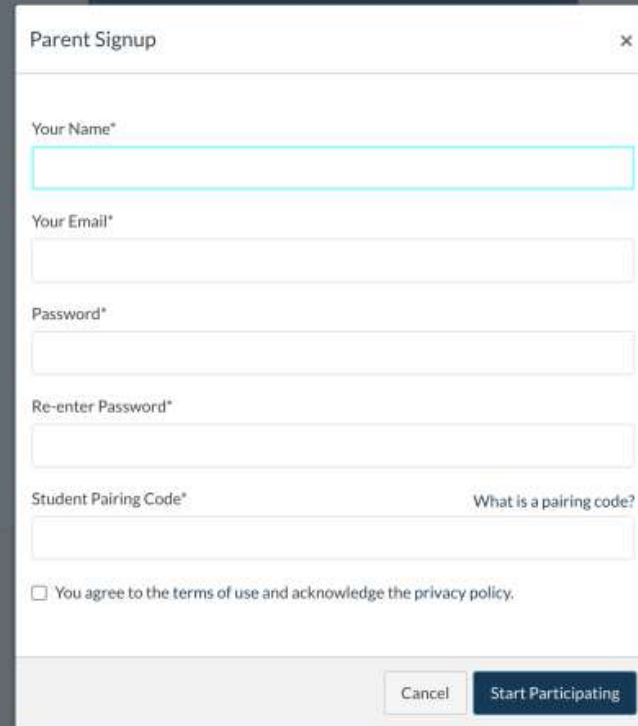
Step 2: Click on “Parent of a Canvas User”



Step 3: Fill Out Information

Special note to CMS Employees:

Please use a **personal email** to view
your child's courses.

A screenshot of a 'Parent Signup' form. The form is titled 'Parent Signup' with a close button (X) in the top right corner. It contains several input fields: 'Your Name*' (highlighted with a red border), 'Your Email*', 'Password*', 'Re-enter Password*', and 'Student Pairing Code*'. To the right of the 'Student Pairing Code*' field is a link that says 'What is a pairing code?'. Below the input fields is a checkbox labeled 'You agree to the terms of use and acknowledge the privacy policy.' At the bottom right of the form are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Start Participating'.

Step 4: Review your student's courses

You should be able to “see” links to student courses. If you do not see anything, you still did everything correct. I promise! Courses may not show up until your student's teacher officially publish their courses.

FYI - You can set notifications to your email account from Canvas when your student turns in an assignment, late work, etc.

You made it! Great work!

Questions?

Please email Marjorie.frick@cms.k12.nc.us with any questions regarding Canvas.