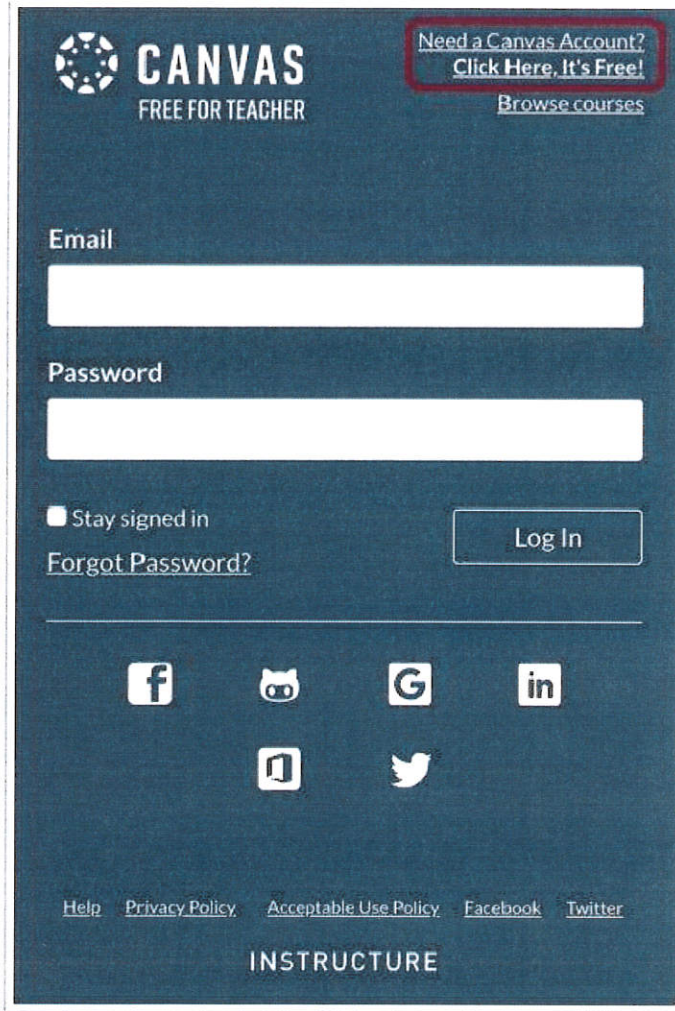


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The image shows the Canvas login page for teachers. At the top left is the Canvas logo with the text "CANVAS FREE FOR TEACHER". At the top right, there is a red-bordered box containing the text "Need a Canvas Account? Click Here, It's Free!" and a link "Browse courses". Below the logo, there are input fields for "Email" and "Password". To the left of the "Log In" button, there is a checkbox labeled "Stay signed in" and a link "Forgot Password?". Below the login fields, there are social media icons for Facebook, GitHub, Google+, LinkedIn, Next.js, and Twitter. At the bottom, there are links for "Help", "Privacy Policy", "Acceptable Use Policy", "Facebook", and "Twitter". The word "INSTRUCTURE" is at the bottom center.

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

Sign Up As a Parent (Free Account)



The image shows the Canvas sign-up page. 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, there is a red-bordered box containing the link "Parents sign up here".

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

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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.

If you already have an account from your student's institution, log in to Canvas using the credentials given to you.

Notes:

- If the registration banner is not available in the login page, the institution has not enabled this feature. Please contact your student's institution for assistance. The registration banner is enabled through Canvas authentication.
- To observe a student, you must have a student pairing code.
- 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

← <https://washk12.instructure.com/login/canvas>

In a browser window, enter the institution's Canvas registration URL (e.g. <https://washk12.instructure.com/login/canvas>)

Create Canvas Account

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Enter Signup Details

Parent Signup

X

Your Name

1

Your Email

2

Password

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Re-enter Password

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Student Pairing Code

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

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Start Participating

Cancel

To find the "Pairing Code", have your student do the following steps:

- Log in to their canvas account.
- Click on "Account"
- Click on "Settings"
- On the far right hand side, you will see a tab that says "Pair with Observer"

You will then be given the "Pairing Code"

Enter the code in the correct box, click the box to agree and 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.
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. Depending on institution permissions, admins and instructors may also be able to generate pairing codes.

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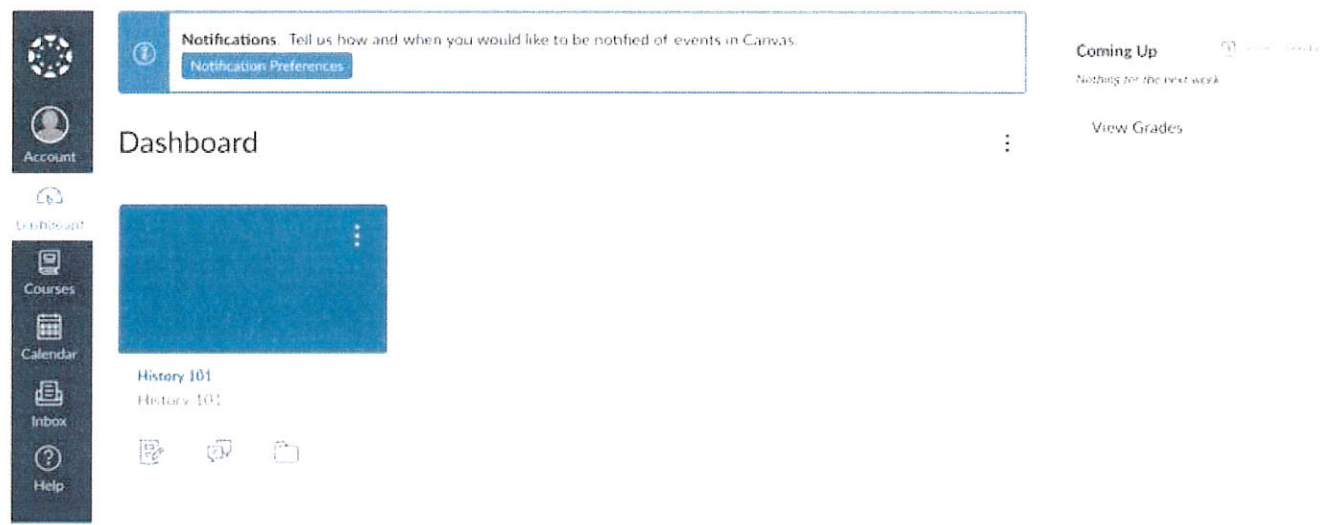
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