



## FORT ZUMWALT PARENT OBSERVER INFORMATION

### About the Observer Role

An **Observer** is a name that describes the users in a course who can view the content and follow a particular student's progress. They cannot interact with or participate in the course's content or materials. As an **Observer**, a family member (or coach, guidance counselor, mentor, etc.) has the ability to learn a lot about a student's day.

### Creating an Observer Account

There are 2 methods that you can use to create an Observer account:

1. The web portal. **Before initiating the process, it's a good idea to ask your child for a [pairing code](#)!** Once obtained, visit <https://fz.instructure.com/login/canvas>

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

LOGIN

YOUR NAME

PASSWORD

Stay signed in

Log In

Forgot Password?

INSTRUCTURE

Parent Signup

Your Name

Your Email

Password

Re-enter Password

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

[View Privacy Policy](#) Cancel Start Participating

2. **OR** The mobile app called [Canvas Parent](#). It's free to download from the [Apple Store](#) and on [Google Play](#).
  - Account Creation ([Canvas Parent app - Android](#))
  - Account Creation ([Canvas Parent app - iOS](#))
  - It's important to note that **the app does not have the same functionality as the Observer role does on the web**, but it's an amazing tool for families.
  - To toggle between students on the app, click the name displayed in the top-center of the screen. A short drop-down menu will appear, which will include a list of the students linked to your observer account.



## Linking to a Student Account

Pairing codes are six-digit codes that are used to link students to observers in Canvas. Pairing codes are alphanumeric and case sensitive and can be generated by a student. Additional pairing codes must be created for each student that will be linked to an observer. Each pairing code will last for seven days.

- Students can have up to five active pairing codes at one time. To find out more about how a student can create a pairing code, visit [How do I generate a pairing code for an observer as a student?](#)
- To link a child to your Observer account, visit [How do I link a student to my user account as an observer?](#)
- [Watch a YouTube how-to video tutorial](#)

## Adding Multiple Students

It's absolutely possible to follow multiple students under a single Observer account.

- The best place to link additional children is through the browser. Have the students' [pairing codes](#) ready, and then repeat the process completed during the initial account creation.

## Observing Multiple Students

As an Observer, you can add students to observe within the same institution.

- From the browser, visit <https://fz.instructure.com/login/canvas>, log in, and click Account then Settings. From here, [link a student](#) to your account!
- You could also do this from the Canvas Parent app.
  - [How do I link additional students to my account in the Canvas Parent app on my iOS device?](#)
  - [How do I link additional students to my account in the Canvas Parent app on my Android device?](#)

## Managing Multiple Students

- The [Canvas Parent](#) app has a simple interface that allows Observers to easily switch between students. If an Observer wishes to have a quick overview of student progress or the week's assignments, the mobile app is perfect for keeping track of multiple students' academics.

## Leveraging Canvas

Knowing how to leverage Canvas can be instrumental in fulfilling the role of an Observer. Below are some user guides that can maximize the Canvas experience for an Observer.

- [How do I set my Canvas notification preferences as an observer?](#)
- [Observer Visibility and Participation Explanation Guide](#)
- [Canvas Observer Full User Guide](#)

## Canvas Help

If you have issues, please feel free to reach out to your teacher or HelpDesk support.

- *Course Content* - please message your teacher (via the Canvas Inbox) with any course content issues or assignment questions.
- *Canvas Issues* - If you have issues with Canvas itself (navigation, functionality, etc.), email the FZ HelpDesk - [helpdesk@fz.k12.mo.us](mailto:helpdesk@fz.k12.mo.us)