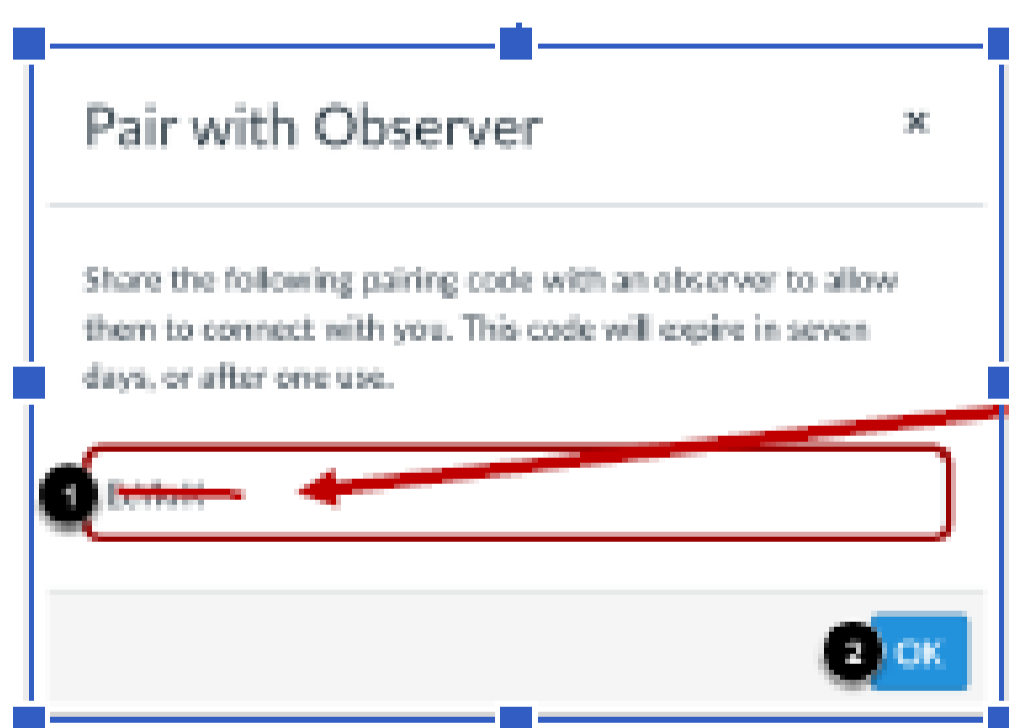
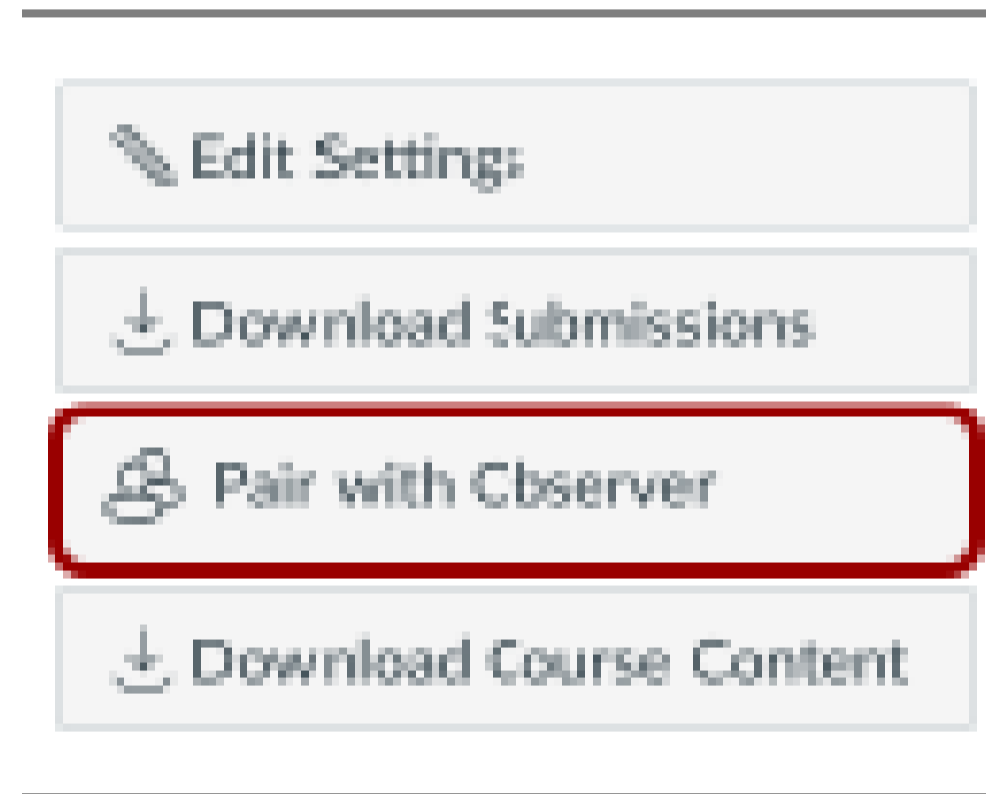
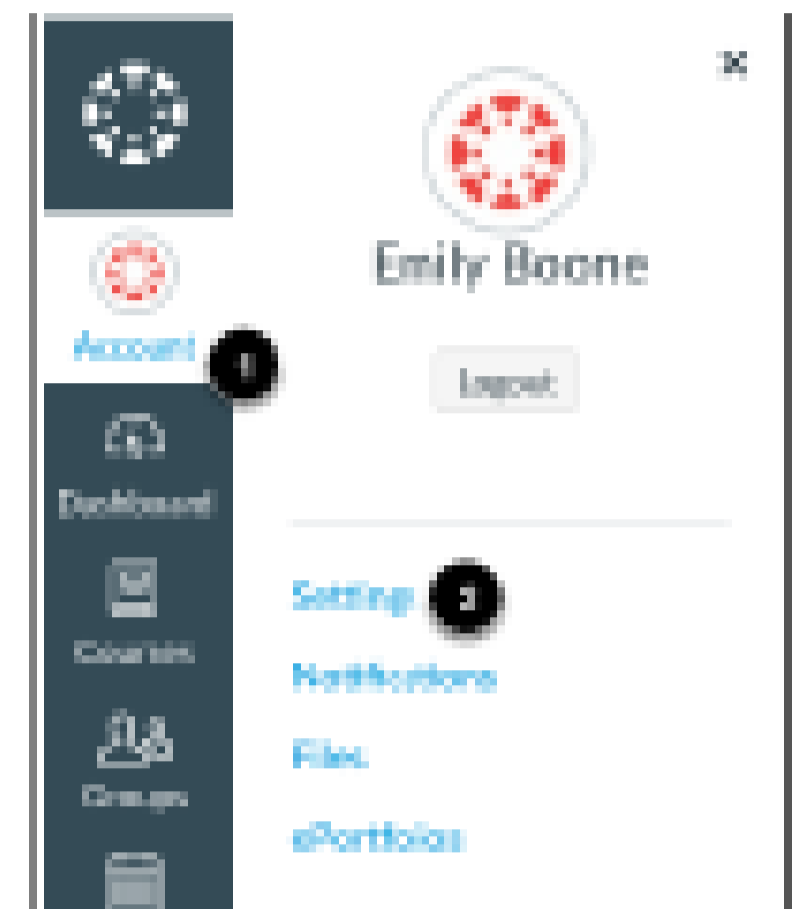


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To observe a student, you must know the student's Canvas username and password. The student must be enrolled in the course and must accept the course invitation before you can sign up to observe the student.

- 1 First, have your child open his/her Canvas courses at newton.instructure.com and sign into the site.
- 2 Open Settings: Click the Account link [1], then click the Settings link [2].
- 3 Pair with Observer (look for this option on the right side of the screen).
- 4 Click the Pair with Observer button. Copy or write down the Pairing Code.



Make a note of the Student's Pairing Code. You will use this code later in the directions.

Copy the six-digit alphanumeric pairing code [1]. You will need to share the code with the parent or person who will link to your account (observer). The pairing code will expire after seven days or its first use.

To close the window, click the OK button [2].
Note: Pairing codes are case sensitive.

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Parent creates a Canvas account and adds the pairing code.

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.

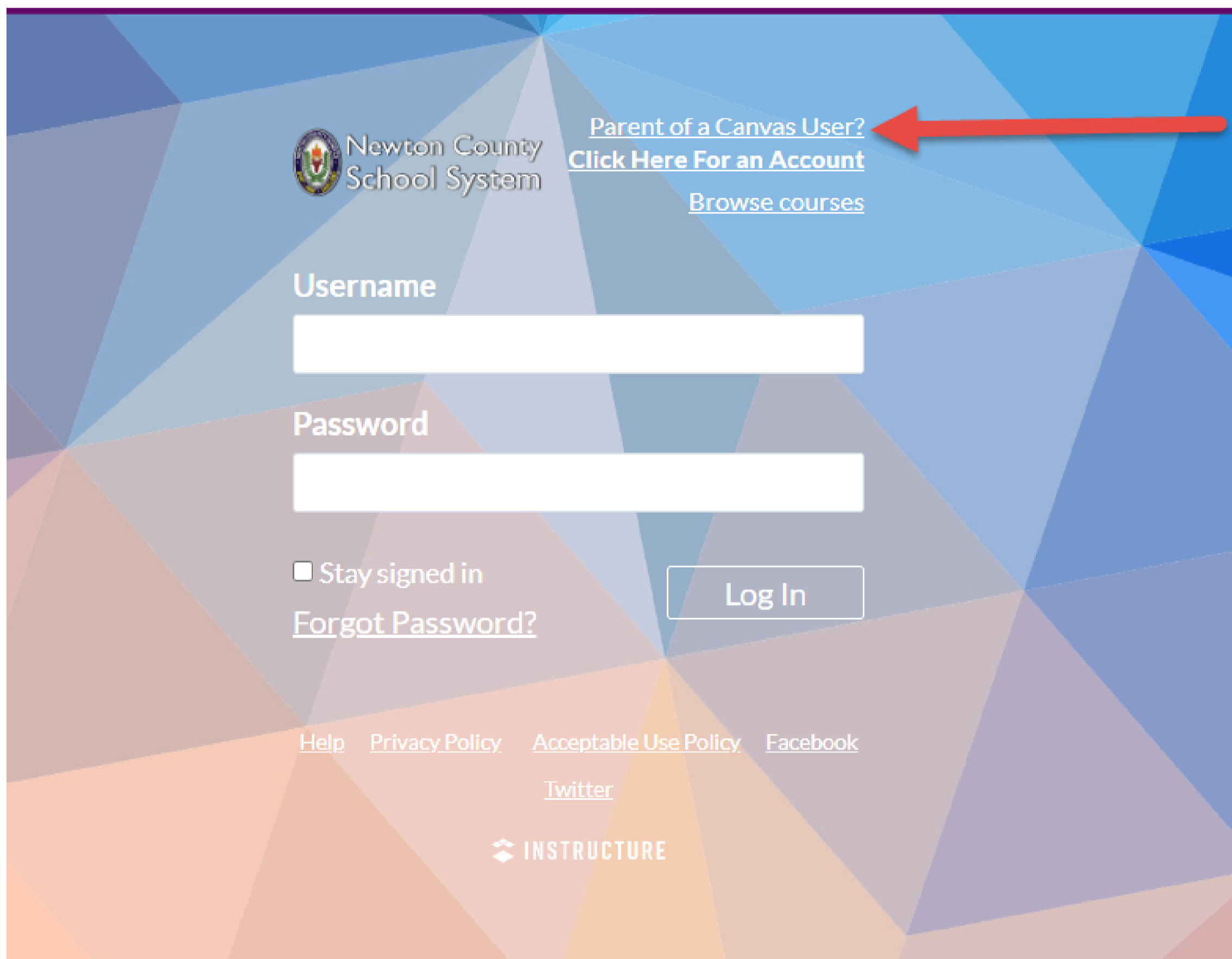
Notes:

- To observe a student, you must have a [student pairing code](#).
- Once you have an account, you will be able to view student information through the Canvas Parent app. 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

In browser window, enter the institution's Canvas registration URL

<https://newton.instructure.com>



Newton County School System

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

[Browse courses](#)

Username

Password

Stay signed in

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Log In

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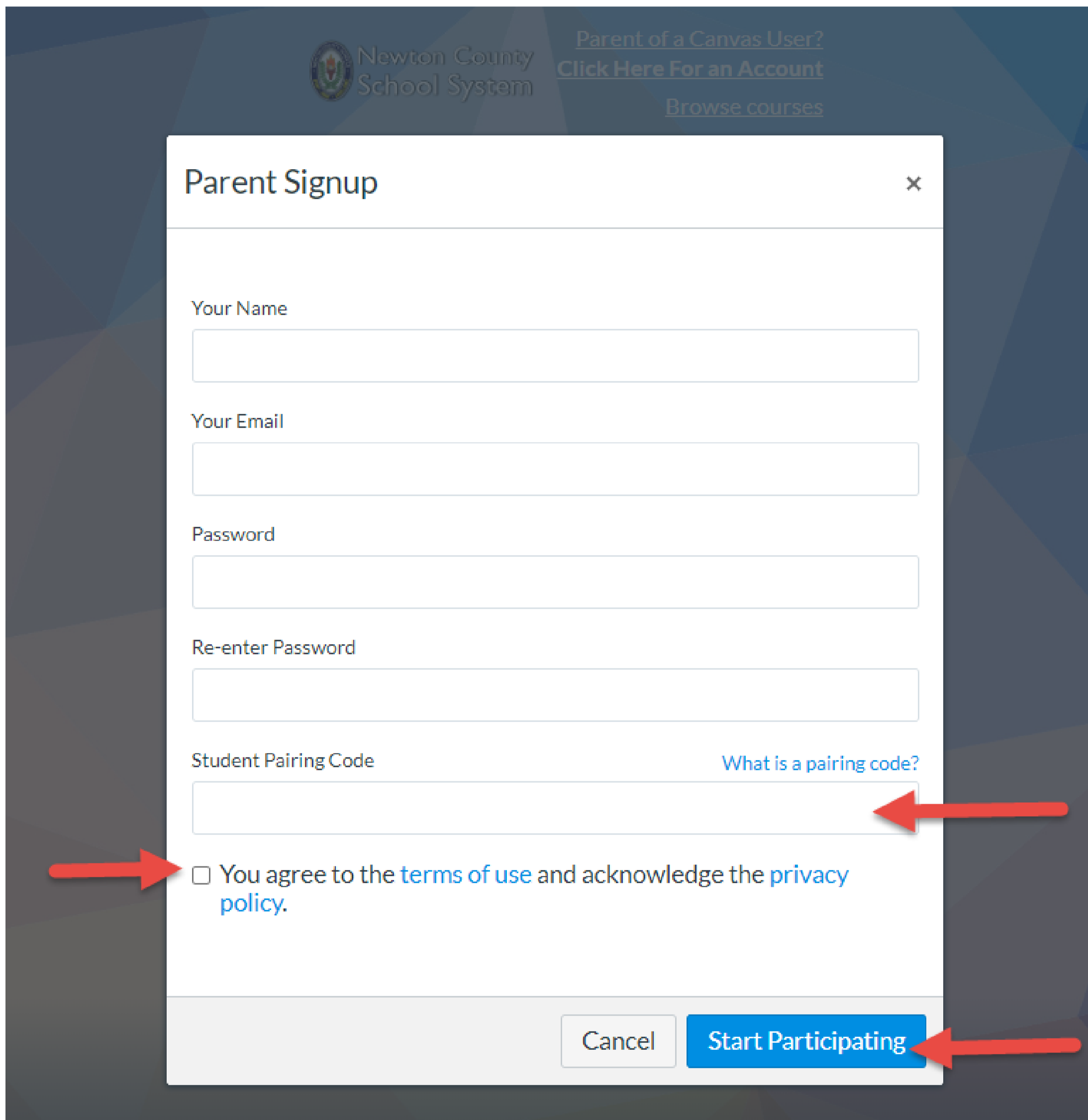
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Fill out the Parent Sign Up Form



The screenshot shows the "Parent Sign Up" form within the Canvas LMS interface. At the top, the Newton County School System logo is visible, along with links for "Parent of a Canvas User? Click Here For an Account" and "Browse courses". The form itself is a white modal window with a close button (x) in the top right corner. It contains the following fields and elements:

- Your Name:** A text input field.
- Your Email:** A text input field.
- Password:** A text input field.
- Re-enter Password:** A text input field.
- Student Pairing Code:** A text input field with a link "What is a pairing code?" to its right. A red arrow points to this field.
- Agreement:** A checkbox labeled "You agree to the [terms of use](#) and acknowledge the [privacy policy](#)." A red arrow points to the checkbox.
- Buttons:** "Cancel" and "Start Participating" buttons at the bottom. A red arrow points to the "Start Participating" button.

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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.

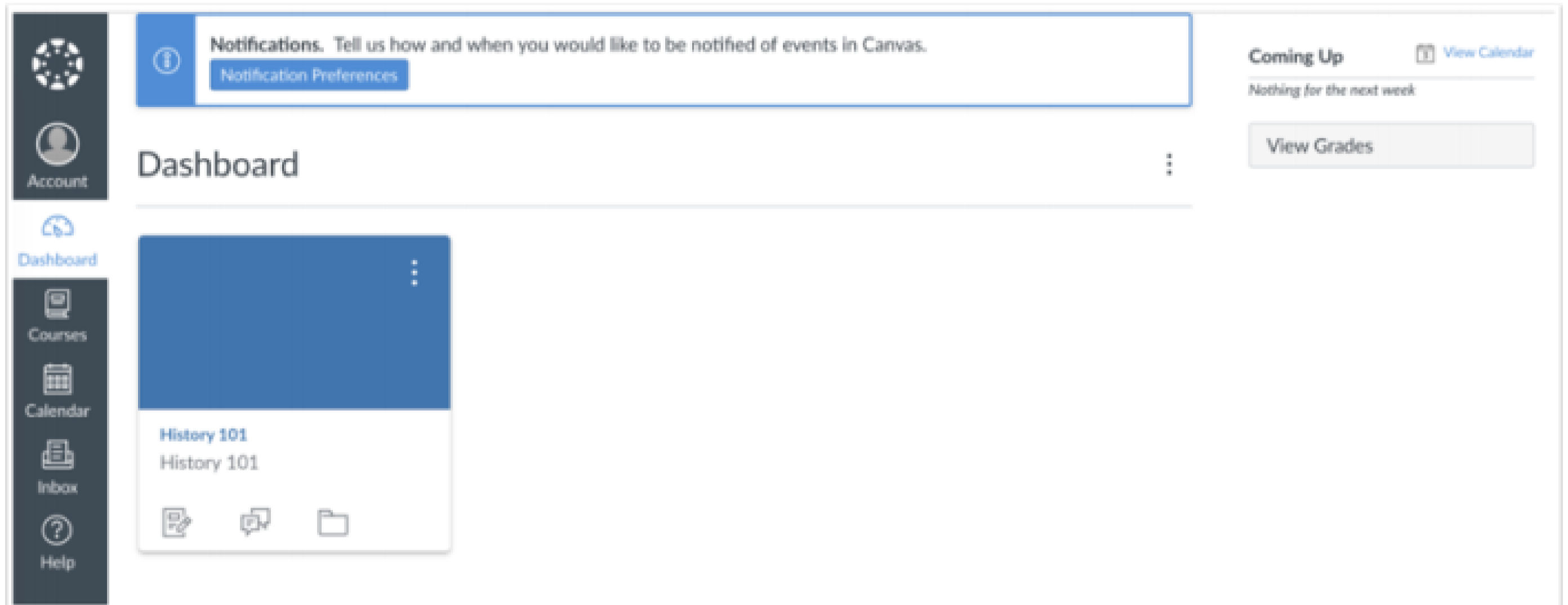
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Begin Observing



You can begin observing your student in Canvas immediately.

Observe an additional student:

If you signed up for a Canvas account as a parent, you can add students to observe within the same institution.

To link yourself to a student, you will need to enter a student-specific pairing code. Pairing codes are case sensitive and are valid for seven days. Students can generate pairing codes from their User Settings. Admins and instructors can also generate pairing codes.

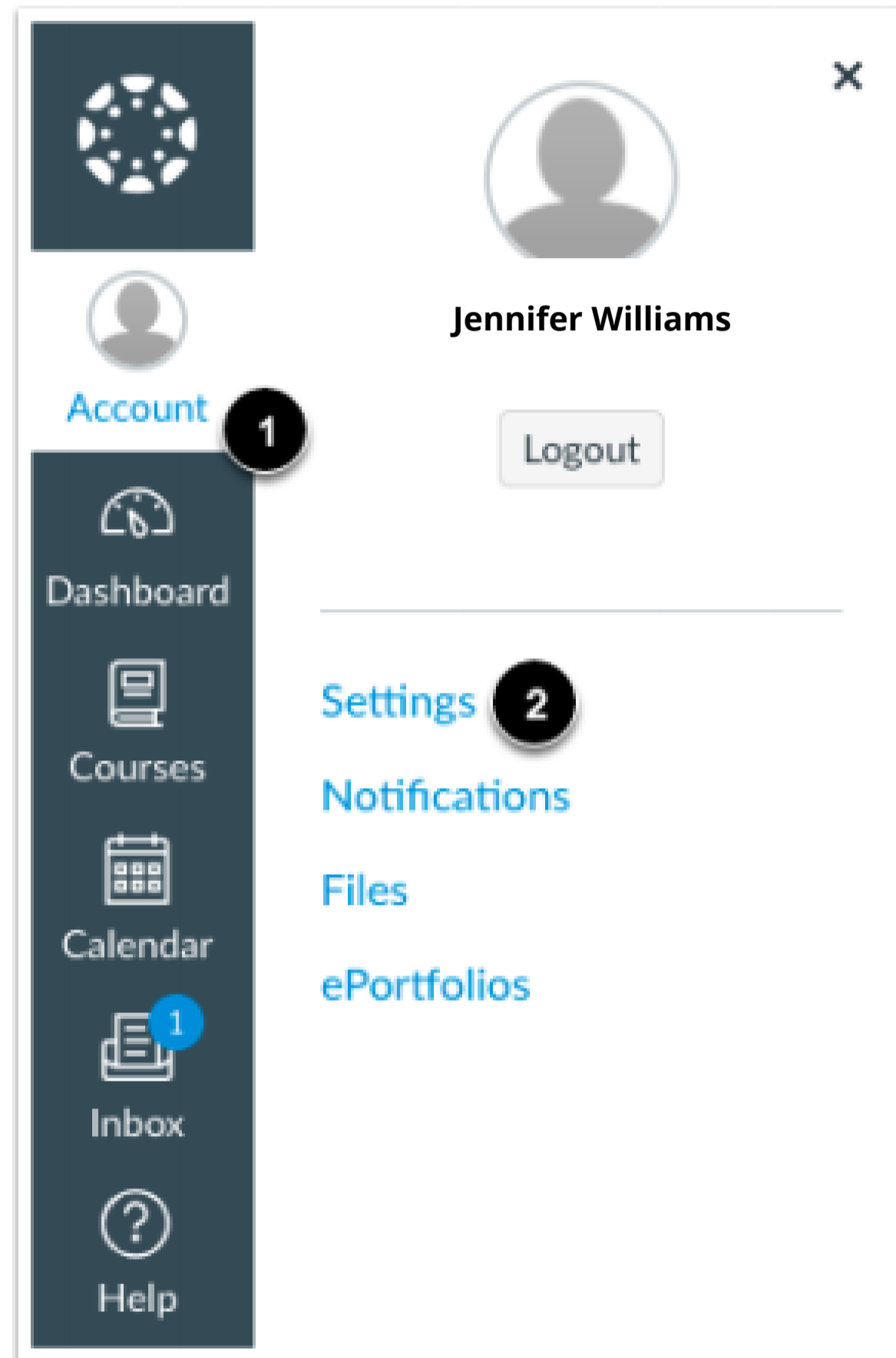
Notes:

- You cannot add students whose accounts are not within your same institution (Canvas URL). To observe students in another institution, you must sign up for an account using that institution's Canvas URL.
- Once you have linked to a student from the Observing page, you cannot remove the student. To remove a student, please contact the student's instructor.

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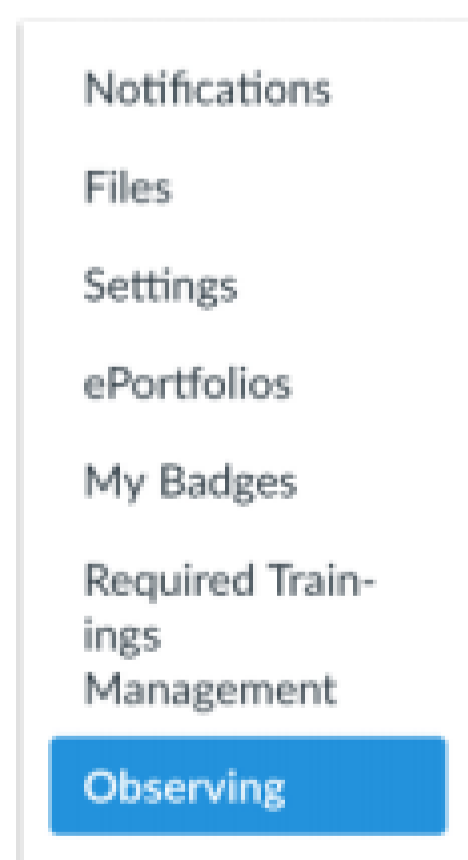
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Open User Settings



In Global Navigation, click the **Account** link [1], then click the **Settings** link [2].

Open Observing



In User Navigation, click the **Observing** link.

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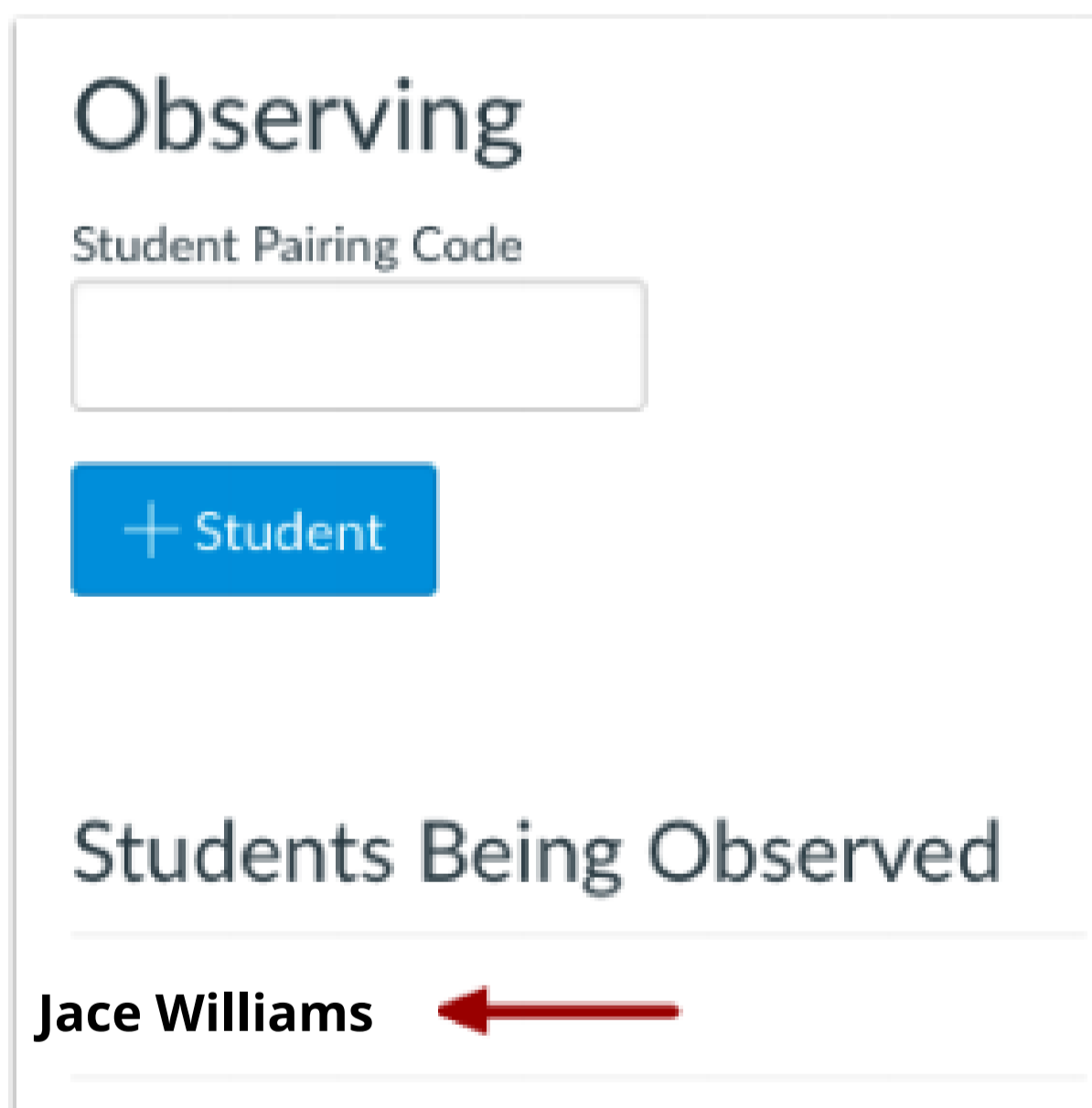
Add Student



The screenshot shows a box titled "Observing". Below the title is the label "Student Pairing Code". There are two numbered steps: Step 1 shows a text input field containing "2ab32e". Step 2 shows a blue button with a white plus sign and the text "+ Student".

Type the pairing code in the **Student Pairing Code** field [1] and click the **Add Student** button [2].

View Student



The screenshot shows a box titled "Observing". Below the title is the label "Student Pairing Code" and an empty text input field. Below the input field is a blue button with a white plus sign and the text "+ Student". Below this is a section titled "Students Being Observed" with a horizontal line. Under the line, the name "Jace Williams" is listed, with a red arrow pointing to the right.

View the paired student.

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Frequently Asked Questions on Pairing Codes

All Users

What are pairing codes?

Pairing codes are six-digit codes that are used to link students to observers in Canvas. Pairing codes are alphanumeric and case sensitive.

Who can generate pairing codes?

Pairing codes can be generated by a teacher. Once generated, the pairing code can only be used to link the student who the code was created on their behalf. Additional pairing codes must be created for each student that will be linked to an observer.

How long are pairing codes valid?

Pairing codes expire after seven days or their first successful use.

How many pairing codes can be active for a student at one time?

A student can have five active pairing codes at one time. If a student has five active pairing codes and a new pairing code is generated, the oldest pairing code will become inactive.

Observers

Can I generate a pairing code as an observer?

No. Observers cannot generate pairing codes. In order to receive a pairing code, observers have two options:

Can I generate a pairing code from the Parent app?

No. The Parent app does not support generating pairing codes.

How do I use a pairing code as an observer?

Observers can link to one student using a pairing code when creating an account in the Canvas Parent app or web browser. Observers can link to additional students using pairing codes from their User Settings in a web browser. Learn more about these options in the lessons below: