

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

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

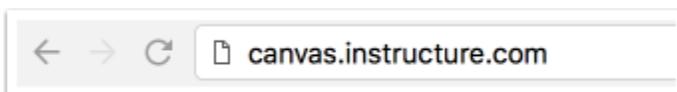
This lesson is for parents who do not have a Canvas account and want to observe their students in their courses.

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

Notes:

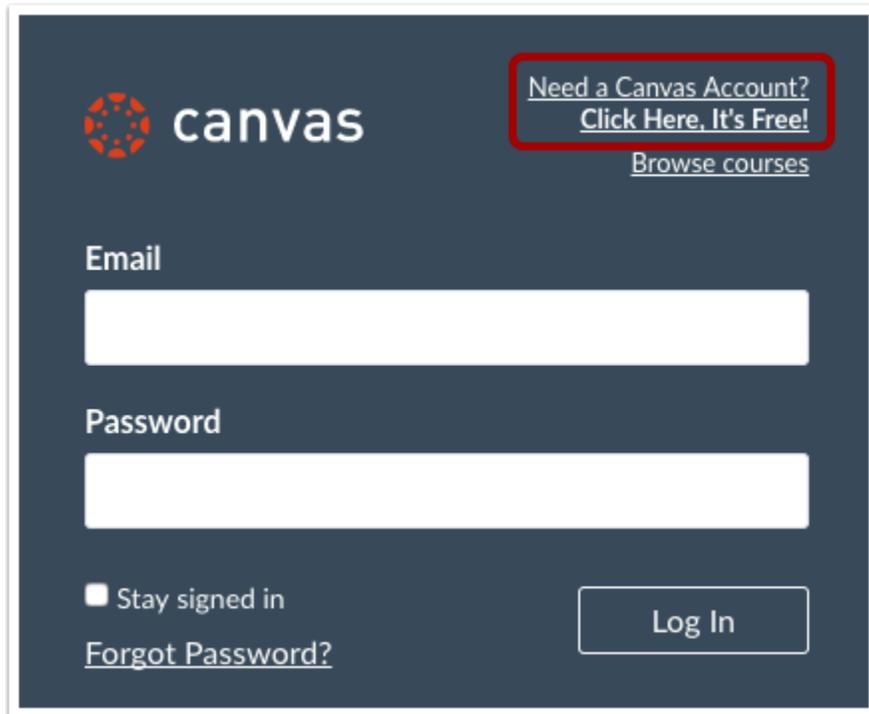
- If the registration banner is not available in the login page, the institution has not enabled this feature. Please contact your student's institution for assistance. The registration banner is enabled through Canvas authentication.
- To observe a student, you must know the student's Canvas username 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. If you receive an *invalid username or password* message during the signup process and the student's credentials are correct, check with the student to verify that he or she has received and accepted the course invitation.
- 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



In a browser window, enter the institution's Canvas registration URL (e.g. canvas.instructure.com).

Click to Register



The image shows the Canvas login and registration interface. At the top left is the Canvas logo. In the top right corner, there is a red-bordered box containing the text "Need a Canvas Account? Click Here, It's Free!". Below this is a link for "Browse courses". The main form area has two input fields: "Email" and "Password". Below the "Password" field is a checkbox labeled "Stay signed in" and a "Log In" button. At the bottom left of the form is a link for "Forgot Password?".

Click the account link at the top of the page.

Sign Up As a Parent (Free Account)



The image is a sign-up banner with a light gray 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 red-bordered box containing the text "Parents sign up here".

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

Enter Signup Details

Parent Signup ×

Your Name 1

Your Email 2

Child's Username 3

Child's Password 4

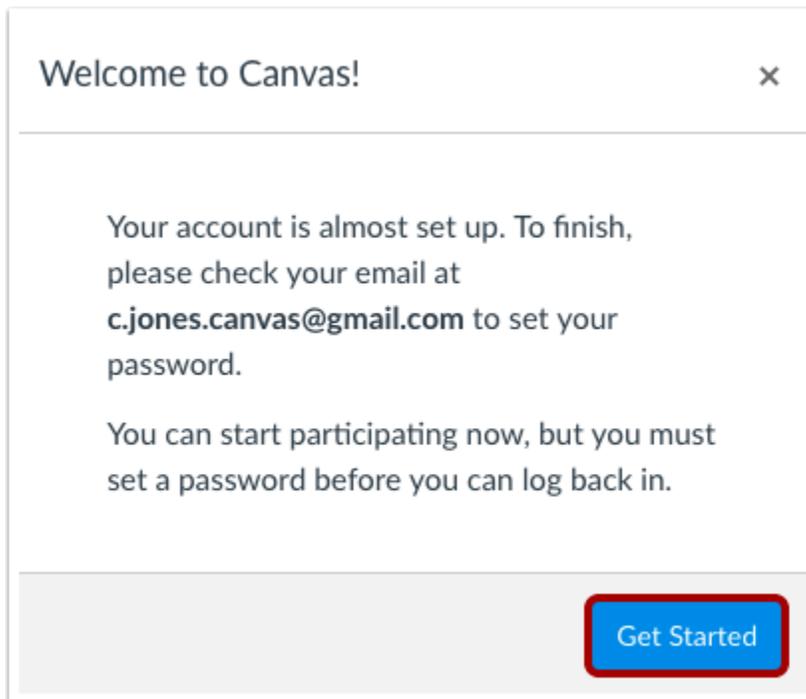
5 You agree to the [terms of use](#) and acknowledge the [privacy policy](#).

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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 child's username in the **Child's Username** field.
4. Enter your child's password in the **Child's Password** field.
5. Agree to the terms of use by clicking the **You agree to the terms of use** checkbox.
6. Click the **Start Participating** button.

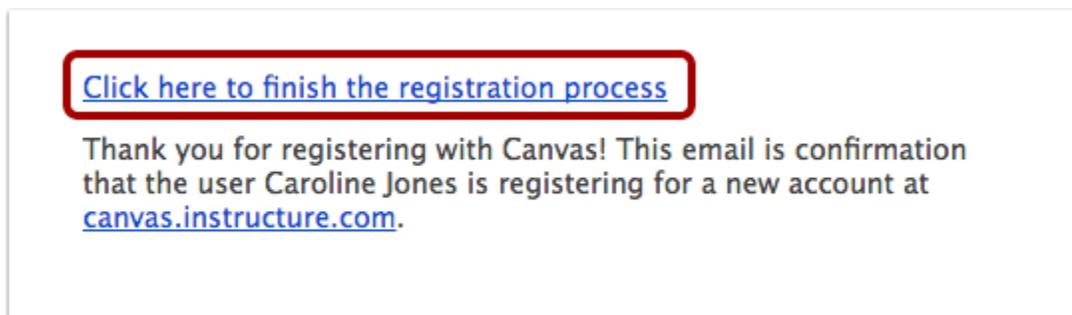
Use Canvas



While your account is not entirely set up, you can begin participating in Canvas immediately by clicking the **Get Started** button.

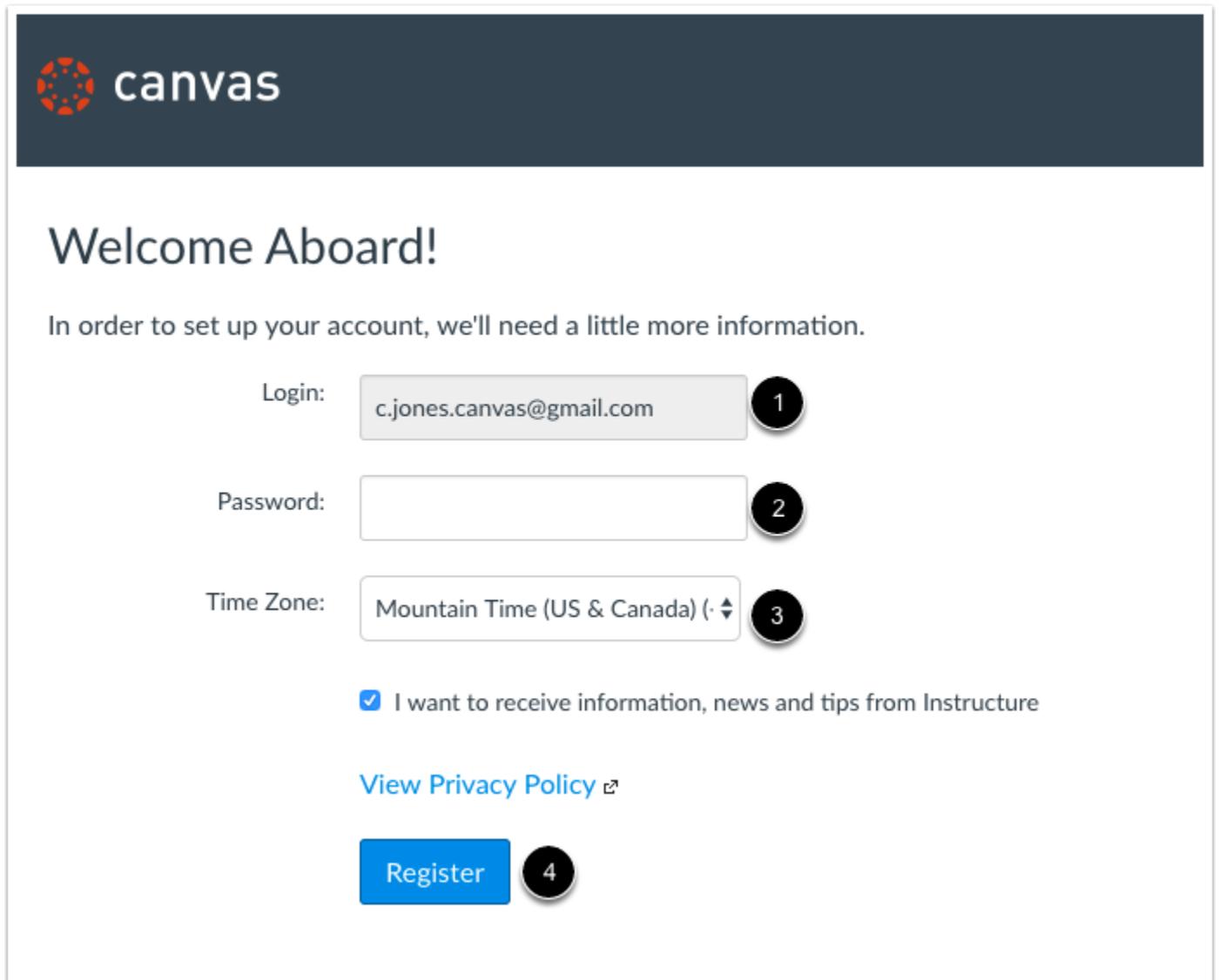
To finish registering for Canvas, log into your email account.

Complete Registration Process



Open the email from Instructure Canvas. To visit the provided URL and complete the registration process, click the link provided.

Register for a Parent Account



The image shows a registration form for a Canvas parent account. At the top left is the Canvas logo, which consists of a red circular icon with white dots and the word "canvas" in white lowercase letters on a dark blue background. Below the logo is the heading "Welcome Aboard!" in a large, dark grey font. Underneath the heading is a sub-heading: "In order to set up your account, we'll need a little more information." The form contains three input fields, each with a numbered callout bubble to its right. The first field is labeled "Login:" and contains the email address "c.jones.canvas@gmail.com"; the callout bubble contains the number "1". The second field is labeled "Password:" and is empty; the callout bubble contains the number "2". The third field is labeled "Time Zone:" and contains the text "Mountain Time (US & Canada) (- ⌵)"; the callout bubble contains the number "3". Below these fields is a checked checkbox with the text "I want to receive information, news and tips from Instructure". Below the checkbox is a blue link that says "View Privacy Policy" followed by an external link icon. At the bottom of the form is a blue "Register" button with a white callout bubble containing the number "4".

To complete the registration process fill out the following fields:

1. Verify your email in the **Login** field.
2. Set your password by typing in the **Password** field.
3. Set your timezone by selecting the **Time Zone** drop-down menu.
4. Click the **Register** button. You will be redirected to the Canvas URL login page for your account.