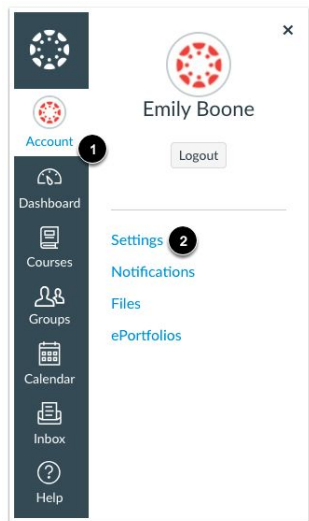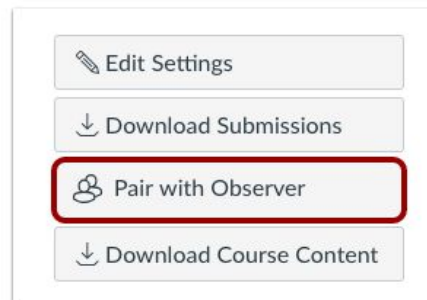# PARENT ACCESS TO CANVAS

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.

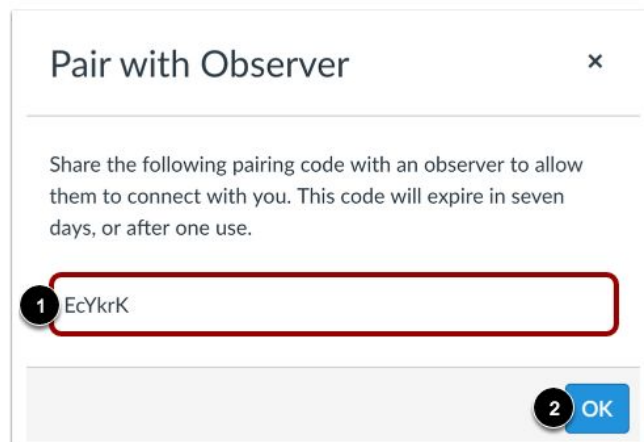## STEP 1: GENERATE A PAIRING CODE FROM YOUR STUDENT'S ACCOUNT

1. Have your student log in to Canvas and go to their **Account Settings**.
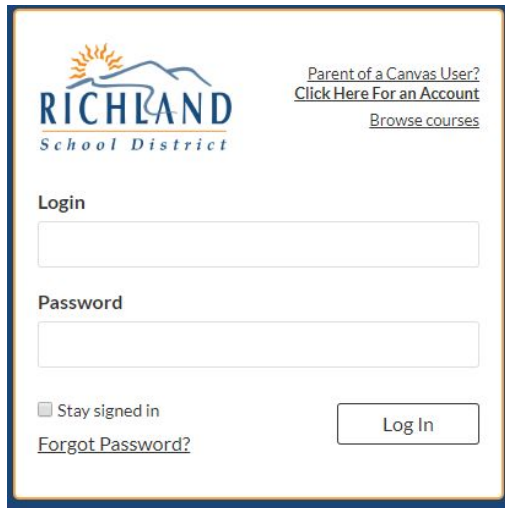

2. Click the **Pair with Observer** button.

3. Copy or write down the six-digit code that pops up. This code expires after seven days or after the first time you use it.
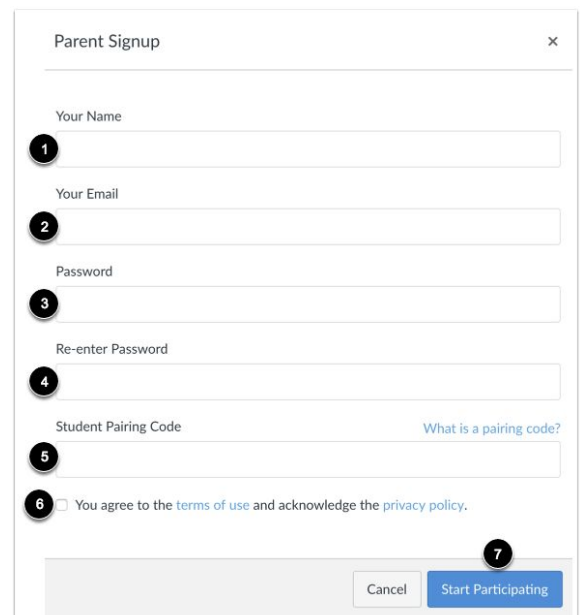
STEP 2: SIGN UP FOR YOUR PARENT CANVAS ACCOUNT

1. In a browser window, enter **https://rsd.instructure.com/login/canvas**

2. Click **Parent of a Canvas User? Click Here for an Account**.

3. Enter the following information:
   a. Enter your name in the **Your Name** field.
   b. Enter your email in the **Your Email** field.
   c. Enter a password in the **Password** field, then enter it again in the **Re-enter Password** field.
   d. Enter the pairing code your student generated for you (see **page 1** of this guide for details) in the **Student Pairing Code** field.
   e. Agree to the terms of use by checking the box.

4. Click **Start Participating**.

5. If you have more than one student whose courses you'd like to observe, follow the instructions at **https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-10915-4144237751**

STEP 3 (OPTIONAL): DOWNLOAD THE CANVAS PARENT APP
- You can find the Canvas Parent app by searching **Canvas Parent** in the app store. You'll see a blue circular icon like the one at right:
- Follow the subsequent instructions to find your child's district and school.