

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

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 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.

## STEPS TO SIGN UP:

### 1. Open Canvas URL

 <https://arlington.instructure.com/login/ldap>

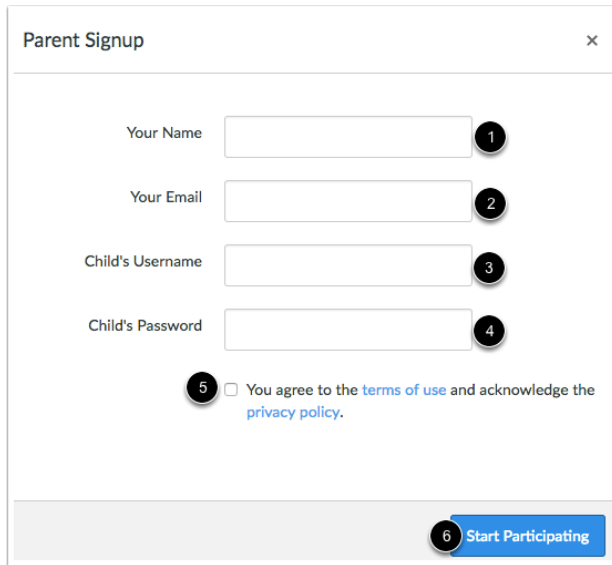
In a browser window, enter <https://arlington.instructure.com>.

### 2. Click to Register

Click the account link at the top of the page.



### 3. Enter Signup Details

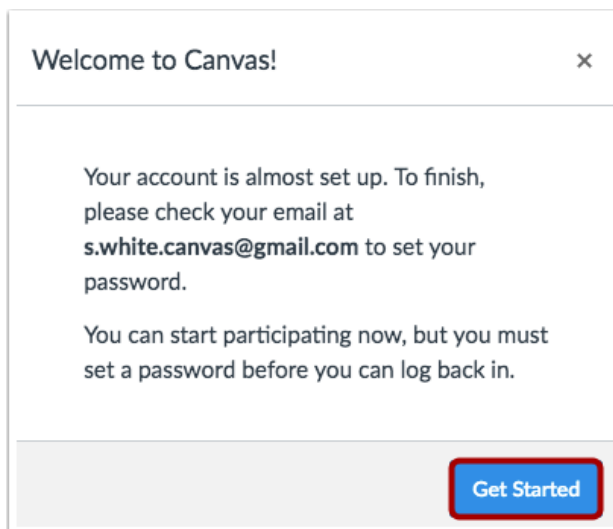


The image shows a 'Parent Signup' form with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The form contains four text input fields, each with a numbered circle next to it: 'Your Name' (1), 'Your Email' (2), 'Child's Username' (3), and 'Child's Password' (4). Below these fields is a checkbox (5) with the text 'You agree to the [terms of use](#) and acknowledge the [privacy policy](#).' At the bottom right is a blue button (6) labeled '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 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.

### 4. Use Canvas



The image shows a 'Welcome to Canvas!' message box with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The text inside reads: 'Your account is almost set up. To finish, please check your email at **s.white.canvas@gmail.com** to set your password.' Below this, it says: 'You can start participating now, but you must set a password before you can log back in.' At the bottom right is a blue button with a red border labeled 'Get Started'.

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.

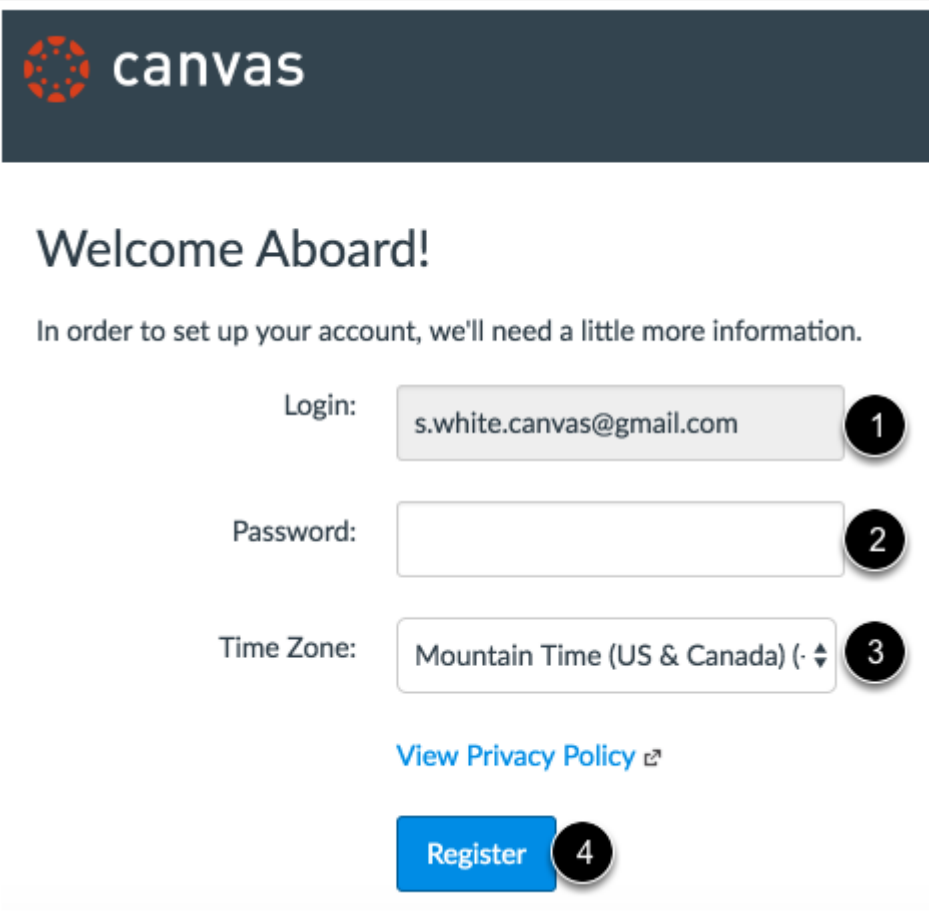
## 5. Complete Registration Process

[Click here to finish the registration process](#)

Thank you for registering with Canvas! This email is confirmation that the user Sam White is registering for a new account at [documentation.instructure.com](https://documentation.instructure.com).

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

## 6. Register for a Parent Account



The image shows the Canvas registration form for a parent account. At the top is the Canvas logo. Below it is the heading "Welcome Aboard!" followed by the instruction "In order to set up your account, we'll need a little more information." There are three input fields: "Login" with the email "s.white.canvas@gmail.com", "Password" (empty), and "Time Zone" with a dropdown menu showing "Mountain Time (US & Canada)". Below these fields is a link "View Privacy Policy" and a blue "Register" button. Numbered callouts 1 through 4 are placed next to the Login field, Password field, Time Zone dropdown, and Register button respectively.

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.