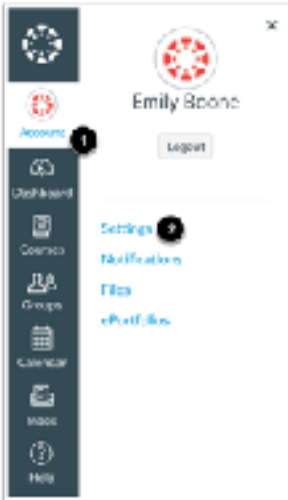


## Parent Observer Account Creation and Pairing

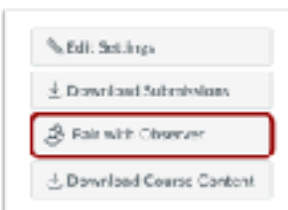
You can generate a pairing code to link an observer to your Canvas account. An observer can enter the pairing code in their User Settings Observing tab. You must create a separate pairing code for each observer who wants to link to your account.

An observer may be your parent, guardian, mentor, counselor, or another individual who needs to view your Canvas courses. Linked observers can view and participate in certain elements of your Canvas courses. For more information on the observer role, view the Observer Visibility and Participation PDF.

1. Open a browser and navigate to [mcs.instructure.com](https://mcs.instructure.com) Login to Canvas as a student user. In Global Navigation, click the Account link [1], then click the Settings link [2].



2. Click “Pair with Observer.”

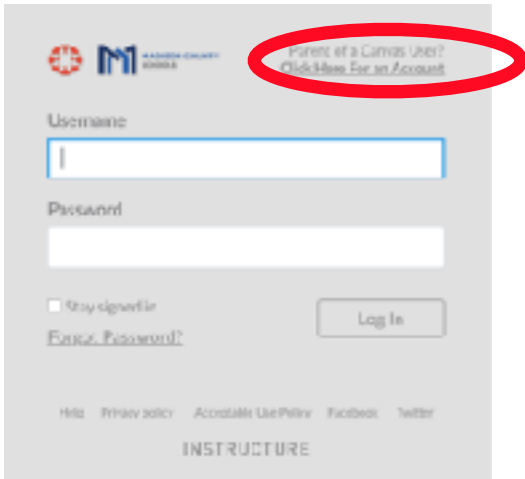


3. Copy the six-digit alphanumeric pairing code [1]. You will need to share the code with the observer who will link to your account. The pairing code will expire after 24 hours or its first use.



4. In a separate browser or session, go to [mcs.instructure.com](https://mcs.instructure.com).

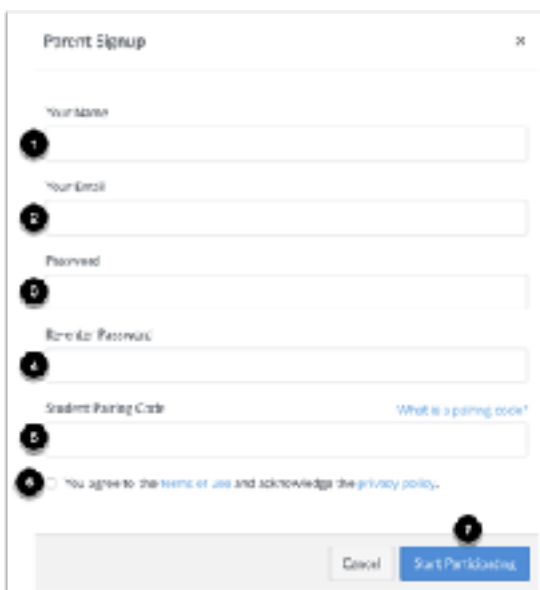
## 5. Click “Parent of a Canvas User?”



The screenshot shows the Canvas login interface. At the top left are the Canvas logo and the text 'Canvas LMS'. To the right, the link 'Parent of a Canvas User? Click Here For an Account' is circled in red. Below the link are input fields for 'Username' and 'Password', a 'Log In' button, and a 'Forgot Password?' link. At the bottom, there are links for 'Help', 'Privacy Policy', 'Accessibility Policy', 'Facebook', and 'Twitter', and the word 'INSTRUCTURE'.

## 6. Enter Signup Details

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.



The screenshot shows the 'Parent Signup' form with seven numbered callouts: 1. 'Your Name' field, 2. 'Your Email' field, 3. 'Password' field, 4. 'Re-enter Password' field, 5. 'Student Pairing Code' field with a link 'What is a pairing code?', 6. 'You agree to the terms of use and acknowledge the privacy policy.' checkbox, and 7. 'Start Participating' button.