



Canvas K-5 Orientation Frequently Asked Questions

Canvas For Parents Playlist

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLnNlyhnWWg79Tr2DuoC7ZzODqj2HpEu0g>

The playlist above is mentioned in the recording. Please refer to it for instructional videos on:

- Becoming a Parent Observer
- Setting Notifications
- Adding Additional Student to Your Parent Observer Account

Can more than one adult be a parent observer for same student?

Absolutely – multiple parents, grandparents, or any other adult you wish can be a parent observer. Just follow the same steps as you would for creating the first parent observer account. See playlist above.

What about if you have more than one kid to observe?

You can add multiple students to your parent observer account. See playlist above.

Class structure...in the spring, students received assignments to come in and complete, but no real online courses. Will students be in an online instruction environment similar to an online college course?

Instruction will be provided through pre-recorded focus lessons. Independent practice will follow each focus lesson, and students will provide the requested evidence of learning by submitting work in Canvas.

If a student goes back to face-to-face in 2021, will the teacher and classroom peers be the same classroom they can rejoin?

Typically, the answer will be yes. If a parent of a virtual canvas student decides to return to in class instruction, the student will be placed with the classroom they had virtually. The exception to this would be a student that has been assigned to a teacher that is only teaching virtually. When this is the case, the student will join another section of the same grade level.

Is my child able to log on at any time, and do his assignments for the day, turn them in and wait for teacher feedback?

Correct. A majority of the Canvas assignments will be asynchronous, meaning the student will watch a focus lesson to gain an understanding of the concept, and then they can complete the assignment. Keep in mind that students will have four core lessons each day, Monday-Thursday. Students will want to keep pace so they do not get too far behind. The teacher will provide feedback, but it may not be on every single assignment (which aligns with what would happen face-to-face).

Are PEGS students supposed to log into SAGE or their home school?

Their Canvas courses will align with the teacher they are assigned to. So if your child is a PEGS student, the content in Canvas will automatically come from their PEGS teacher.

What email address is Canvas using for students?

Email notifications for students will go to their NKC Schools email account.

StudentID#@nkcschools.org – Push notifications go right to their iPad as banner notifications.

Are we supposed to use the iPad or our own computer? Can my student use a MacBook to log into Canvas to do work?

You are welcome to use any device you feel comfortable with. There may be times the student may have to use a specific iPad app to complete an assignment. However, for a majority of the lessons/assignments, any device would suffice.

Will Canvas tie in with PowerSchool?

Grades will be synced from Canvas back to PowerSchool. However, keep in mind the grade in Canvas will more than likely never be a mirrored reflection in PowerSchool. Canvas reflects student learning; PowerSchool reflects student grades.

Will the assignments for each of the subjects come out at the beginning of the week or on a daily basis?

Assignments will be pushed out to students daily, four days a week. Friday will be used as a “catch-up” day for students to complete any unfinished assignments. Students may also be asked to join a live small group or have an individual conference with the teacher for reteaching of concepts that are difficult for them.

Will the students be on the same schedules at the same time as the other students? Or are they just working at their own pace?

Families may set up their student’s day to match that of the classroom if they wish. Typically, virtual students may join the optional live morning meeting to kick off their day. The remainder of the day’s schedule will depend on the family’s schedule. Over the course of two weeks, the teacher will schedule three live conferences with your student. We highly encourage this live opportunity to meet one-on-one or in small groups with the teacher.

Will we get an idea of this same information for kids in 6-8th grades?

All 6th-8th grade content will also come through Canvas. Teachers will provide feedback to students throughout the week. They will also host office hours, times where students may contact the teacher or join them live to ask questions and get clarification.

How many hours per day can I expect my child to be connected live?

This will vary by day. K-5 students will have the opportunity to join a live morning meeting. They will also have other opportunities throughout the week to have a live conference with the teacher. Teachers may also invite students to take part in live Number Talks during the week.

I cannot be with my child all day long as I am also working and teaching from home.

What is the expectation?

We understand that balancing work and virtual learning is difficult. Because of this, we understand when virtual students are completing schoolwork at varying times in Canvas based on the home schedule. Elementary students will need the assistance of a responsible adult to navigate virtual learning simply due to their age. Of course, primary students will require more assistance than intermediate students.

How is attendance taken for Canvas students, and what type of impact will virtual attendance have on their overall attendance record?

Daily attendance will not be taken for NKC Canvas students. Teachers will monitor student work to know they are completing assignments and mastering concepts throughout the week. Knowing students are learning from home, and their schedule is dependent on adults that may also be working, we realize their “school day” hours may look different than the school day hours of face-to-face learning.

Is the iPad provided?

A district iPad will be provided to all NKC Canvas students. You should be notified by your home school on the process for picking up your iPad.

Will be able to change to in person later? Do they have to commit to a quarter?

A parent can make the decision to change to face-to-face learning at any time. We do want students to have a consistent education, therefore we ask that families do not bounce back and forth between virtual and face-to-face, to the extent possible. Your building principal will be happy to work through these decisions and logistics with you. Families that have selected the SchoolsPLP learning option have been asked to commit to a quarter at a time.

What will Seesaw be used for?

Canvas is our district-wide learning management system. At times, there may be assignments in Canvas that link students to Seesaw to do some work. When this is the case, the assignment will be in Canvas and a link or embed code for Seesaw will be provided in the assignment instructions.