

How to Create a Parent Account in Canvas

Adapted from this Canvas Guide: [How do I sign up for a Canvas account as a parent?](#)

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.

1 Open Canvas URL

In a browser window, enter the Utah Students Connect (USC) Canvas URL: utahstudentsconnect.instructure.com

2 Click to Register

Click the account link ("Click Here For An Account") at the top of the page.

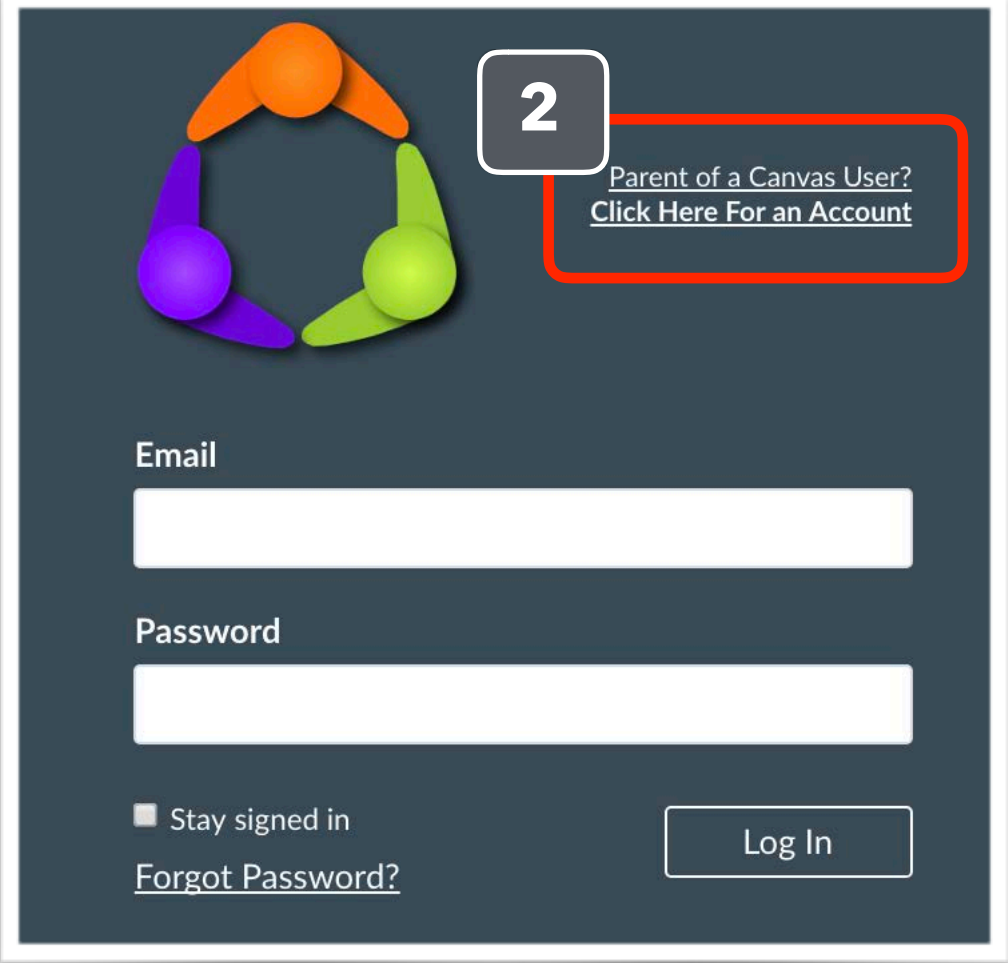
3 Sign Up As a Parent (Free Account)

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

4 Enter Signup Details

Enter the following information:

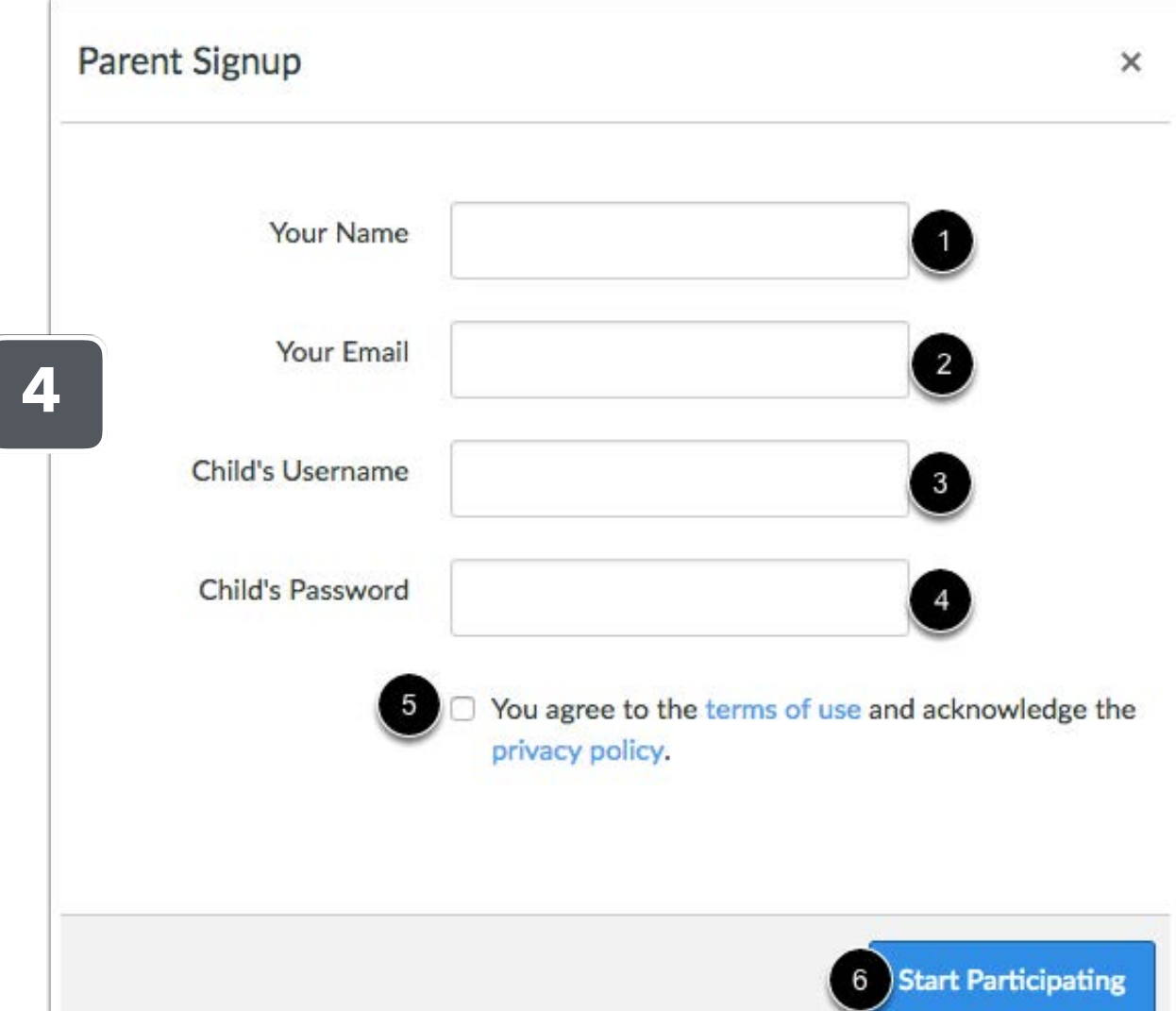
1. Enter your name in the **Your Name** field.
2. Enter your email in the **Your Email** field.
3. Enter your child's username in the **Child's Username** field.
4. Enter your child's password in the **Child's Password** field.
5. Agree to the terms of use by clicking the **You agree to the terms of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



The screenshot shows the Canvas login interface. At the top, there is a logo consisting of four stylized human figures in orange, purple, green, and blue. Below the logo are two input fields: 'Email' and 'Password'. There is a checkbox for 'Stay signed in' and a 'Log In' button. A red box highlights a link that says 'Parent of a Canvas User? Click Here For an Account'.



The screenshot shows the Canvas sign-up page. It features the text 'Sign up now, it's free!' in a large, bold font. Below this text are two buttons: 'I'M A TEACHER' (blue) and 'I'M A STUDENT' (green). At the bottom, there is a link that says 'Parents sign up here' which is highlighted with a red box.

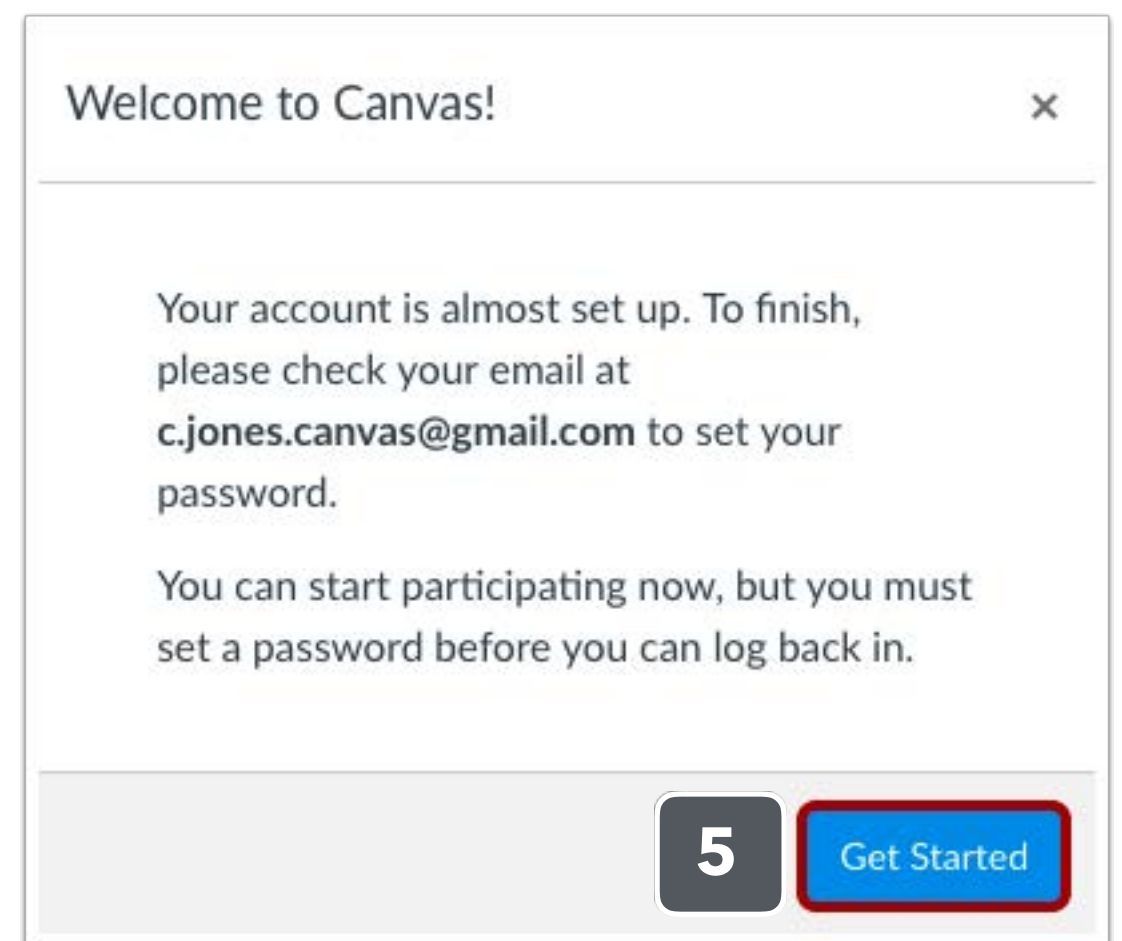


The screenshot shows the 'Parent Signup' form. It has a title bar with 'Parent Signup' and a close button. The form contains four input fields: 'Your Name', 'Your Email', 'Child's Username', and 'Child's Password'. Below these fields is a checkbox labeled '5' with the text 'You agree to the terms of use and acknowledge the privacy policy.' At the bottom right of the form is a blue button labeled '6 Start Participating'.

5 Use Canvas

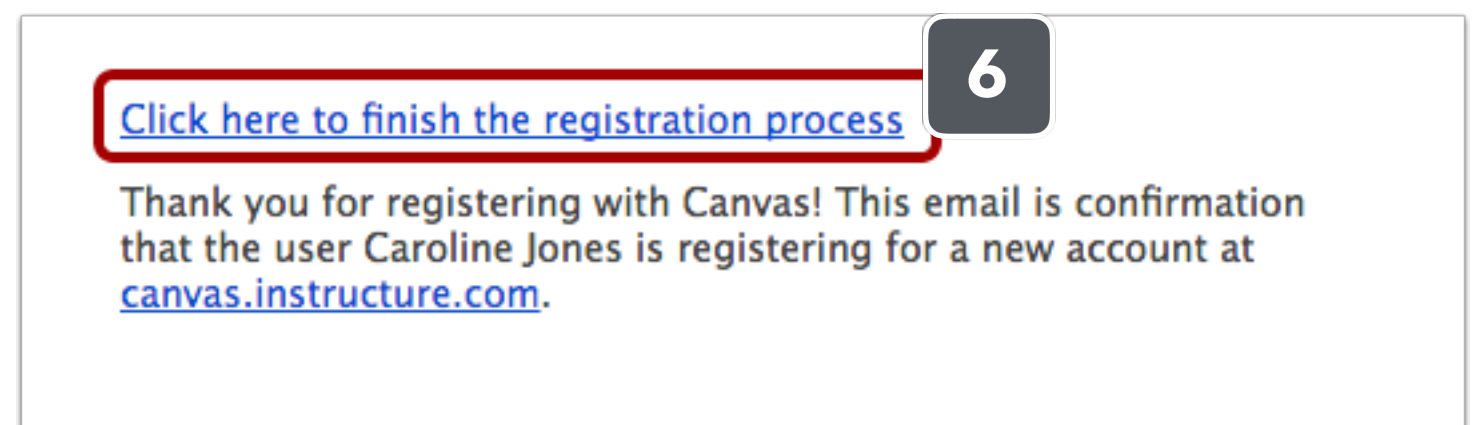
While your account is not entirely set up, you can begin participating in Canvas immediately by clicking the **Get Started** button.

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



6 Complete Registration Process

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



7 Register for a Parent Account

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.

8 Change your notification preferences

Once you've created an account, you can choose your notification preferences, including what types of messages you want to receive about your child's course and how often you want to receive them.

For help changing your notification preferences, check out these step-by-step instructions from Canvas: [How do I set my Canvas notification preferences as an observer?](https://goo.gl/FqGuPN) (<https://goo.gl/FqGuPN>)