

Canvas Course Design - For Parents

We believe that our students should be spending their cognitive energy on learning, not finding.

Teachers will create a Canvas experience that supports student-centered, high-quality learning.

	What you can expect:	Why?
Course Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> A profile picture of the teacher of the course <input type="checkbox"/> Course information including teacher room number, classroom phone number and email address list. <input type="checkbox"/> Key learning information found in the Canvas course page: goals, objectives, standards, materials, textbooks and reading lists <input type="checkbox"/> Class expectations, grading policies and technology requirements (e.g online software or programs) <input type="checkbox"/> The current syllabus (could be traditional, a pacing guide, or week/month unit “at a glance”). <input type="checkbox"/> An up-to-date calendar with events, assignments, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> Information and links to institutional resources within their course. (library, institutional services, school’s website, etc). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → All users arrive at a welcoming, custom, common homepage that supports classroom community and provides important course information, including links to support and inform the learning for the week. → Canvas serves as one-stop-shop to course and resources → Students/parents understand guidelines and expectations for their course.
Course Content and Modules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> All course materials students need to access will be on Canvas. All worksheets, handouts, and materials will also be provided digitally. <input type="checkbox"/> Active and working links, files, videos and external URLs. <input type="checkbox"/> Instructional content and resources will be organized and easy to navigate. The following are helpful, optional tools: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> student-student interaction such as discussions, collaborations and peer reviews <input type="checkbox"/> student-teacher interactions such as authentic conversations and quality feedback <input type="checkbox"/> student-content interactions that engage and provide opportunities for self-assessment <input type="checkbox"/> opportunities for student choice and personalized learning <input type="checkbox"/> external tools that are relevant and support active learning techniques <input type="checkbox"/> samples of assignments to model expectations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Students will have one common location to find resources, handouts and classwork. → Students will have one common location to access teacher comments, feedback, and assignment grades. → Students/families will have a consistent and easy to navigate path for finding assignments and class material.
Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> All formative and summative assessments will be posted, linked, and/or conducted in Canvas. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> a variety of assessment strategies to increase learner engagement and promote active learning. (Discussions, individual/group assignments, quizzes, etc) <input type="checkbox"/> formative (low-stakes) assessments to measure knowledge, skills and attitude prior to high-stakes assessments. <input type="checkbox"/> rubrics to coordinate with assessments. <input type="checkbox"/> feedback on assessments. <input type="checkbox"/> All grades will be entered into Canvas; parents will view grades on Canvas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Students/Families will have one central location to monitor student progress within the course. → Students will be able to find instructions, grades, and feedback all within the course.
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> All communication between students/families/teachers will be streamlined through Canvas or school email. <input type="checkbox"/> All assignments will be posted on the Canvas Calendar using the label system. <input type="checkbox"/> Events will be used for any event taking place outside of school (field trips, dances, etc). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Students/Families will have regular communication with teachers/teams through a consistent platform.

