How do I link to another student as an Observer?

Canvas recently introduced a new page design called the New Canvas User Interface (UI). This lesson may include two images for specific steps to show the difference between the two designs. Unless otherwise indicated, the functionality and location of the components remain the same. The view available to you is determined by your institution.

If you signed up for a Canvas account as a parent and linked yourself to a student, you can add additional students to observe within the same institution.

Notes:

- You cannot add students whose accounts are not within the same institution (Canvas URL) as yours. To observe students in another institution, you must sign up for an account using that institution's Canvas URL.
- The Observing page does not display names for student accounts added by the institution via SIS import.
Open User Settings

In Global Navigation, click the **Account** link [1], then click the **Settings** link [2].

Open User Settings in Legacy UI

If you are using the legacy interface, in the Help Corner, click the **Settings** link.
Open Observing

In User Navigation, click the Observing link.

Add Student

In the Username [1] and Password [2] fields, enter the student's username and password.

Click the Add Student button [3].
View Student

View the new student you are observing.