

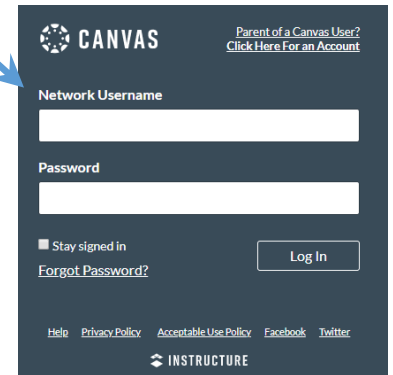


Canvas- Student Login & Basic Navigation

When logging into Canvas for your class content, you need to make sure you are using the correct link for the district and not relying on Google for that information.

From a web-based browser on a computer:

- Start at www.cdschools.org, and then go to the **Parents & Students** portal link at the top of the page. In the list of apps, find **Canvas**.
- You will be taken to the log in screen. Provide your district **Network Username** and **Password**. It is the same user name and password you use for all district resources. If you try too many attempts to log in, your account may become locked. Contact your instructor to have your account unlocked or choose the **Password Reset** option in the same list of apps from the school website.
- If you see the option to enter an **Email** and Password instead of a Network Username, you are not in the Central Dauphin School District Canvas site.
- Bookmark the page for easy access. Alternately, you can go directly to the school Canvas site by using: <https://cdschools.instructure.com/>.



From the Canvas Phone App:

- Download and install the **Canvas Student App** from your Apple or Android app store (*free download*)
- Launch the Canvas Student App. You will be asked to **Find my school**. Type **Central Dauphin School District**. This should take you to cdschools.instructure.com and ask for your **Network Username** and **Password**, just like the web-based version discussed above. You should now be at your Canvas Dashboard. For more information about the Canvas Student app, please check out these resources:
Apple version: https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-9867-canvas-by-instructure-ios-guide-table-of-contents#jive_content_id_Student
Android version: <https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-9811-canvas-by-instructure-android-guide-table-of-contents>

The Canvas Dashboard:

Account- Add contact info, phone numbers for text messages, set notifications

Dashboard- Displays your favorite courses

Courses- Displays all courses as a list. Check the star by a class to display it on your Dashboard.

3 Dots- Changes between tile card view, recent activity, or lists. You can also turn on color overlays to identify different courses.

To Do List

3 Dots- Change the way the course tiles are displayed in the Dashboard

Minimize the global setting menu

Course Navigation:

Your teachers may use a variety of creative methods to present their course material to you in Canvas so some options may appear differently from course-to-course. The basic course interface will look like this:

Course Navigation- This left menu will take you to everything you need for the course, but your teacher will customize this bar for their specific needs. There may be options to link your Google Drive and Office 365 accounts to Canvas.

Content Area- This area will display web pages, module lists, assignment information, quizzes, discussions, etc. depending on the current class content.

Side Bar- Options displayed will depend on your current task.

The screenshot shows a dark sidebar on the left with icons for Home, Account, Dashboard, Courses, Calendar, Inbox, and Help. The main content area features a header for 'CENTRAL DAUPHIN SCHOOL DISTRICT' with a teacher's name and email. Below the header is a 'Class Title' section with a placeholder for an image. The main content area contains 'General Notes' and a 'To Do' list on the right with options like 'View Course Stream' and 'View Course Calendar'.

Modules- This is a module view for Canvas that looks similar to a Google Classroom or Moodle feed. Many teachers will use this format for course work while others may prefer a webpage presentation. Modules present material in a sequential fashion. Your teacher will guide you through the content.

The screenshot shows the same sidebar as above, but the main content area is in a 'Module' view. It displays a list of items including 'Canvas Help Page', 'Course Syllabus & Grading Policy', and a 'Unit 1' section with 'Essential Question', 'Concept #1', and 'Concept #2' sub-sections. Each sub-section contains a 'Sample' item like 'Unit 1 Page', 'Sample Assignment', and 'Sample Discussion'.

Submitting Assignments:

In Canvas, you will see blue buttons telling you to submit work, post a reply, or take a quiz. When you submit work through Canvas, your teacher will see exactly when it was submitted and, if multiple submissions were allowed, every submission you made. Canvas will always confirm your work submission with a comment in the upper right corner of the screen as well. After an assignment is graded, you can go back into the assignment and check the submission for comments and grading notes. You can also leave your own comments for the teacher to see.

Submit Assignment

Take the Quiz

Grades in Canvas:

While Canvas has a built-in gradebook that you can access from the left side course navigation menu, it is best to check grades in the Home Access Center for official current grades. Your teacher will give you specific guidelines on course expectations, navigation, and grading protocols.