

CCSD continually strives to educate the emerging generation. When students graduate from our schools, they are thinkers, contributors, communicators, collaborators, learners and leaders. To succeed, we invite you to partner with us in supporting your student through some of what we consider best practices for using Canvas, our Learning Management System:

1. Monitoring student grades. We encourage both parents and students to strike a healthy balance in monitoring grades. As educators, we believe that grades are very important, but they are secondary to the process of learning. At times, monitoring grades too often can create stress and anxiety for all stakeholders.
2. Understanding assignments and expectations. In other words, be aware of what your student is being asked to learn and also review the resources and information provided to support your student through the assignment.
3. Consider viewing the individual assignment. Teachers will often include the assignment in Canvas before it is due for completion. Accessing the attached resources and reading the assignment expectations might help you guide the conversation with your child as to their performance on the assignment.
4. Understand the overall academic expectations for your student. Students are enrolled in several courses at one time, and each course has expectations and workload. Canvas provides access to two resources:
 - Course syllabi
 - Course calendar

Consider using settings for notifications to adjust the frequency of contact regarding grades:

- A threshold grade (in the app): this allows you to see only grades that fall below a certain numeric value.
- A weekly update: allows you to see only the overall course grade weekly.

CCSD supports students in the *process of learning*. The basis of this mindset is that learning is continual. It happens through a combination of exposure and experience. As a part of the school experience, students experience academic and personal successes, but they also experience failures. It is through the struggle that our students grow and become independent. Working with your child to set reasonable expectations of grade performance along with communication with the teacher will help everyone feel comfortable with the course experience.

Thank you for continuing to partner with CCSD to ensure that all of students have a great educational experience.