



**Announcement for Parents/Guardians of
Students in Grades 6-12
Learning Management System: Canvas**

January 2017

Dear Parent/Guardians,

Families with students in grades 6-12 may have heard about Canvas by Instructure, an online learning management system that was rolled out to staff on the first day of this school year. The expectation this fall was for staff to establish a profile and become familiar with its features. Some teachers throughout the district started using features of Canvas to post syllabi, make announcements, and give assignments or quizzes.

The district roll out for students in grades 6-12 will begin in late January. High school teachers will post syllabi on Canvas for the beginning of Term 3, which starts January 23, 2017. Middle School staff will post syllabi by unit (e.g., *To Kill a Mockingbird* or Ancient Civilizations). In February, March, and April, 2017, teachers will use Canvas to improve communication and foster increased ownership for learning. Some teachers may choose to use additional features to enhance engagement and learning. Grades may be available on Canvas but they are not students' final grades for the course.

Official grades continue to be posted in Aspen X2.

In early February, 2017, parents/guardians will be able to use the Canvas Parent App on Android or iOS devices to view syllabi, announcements, and due dates. As we roll out Canvas in the classrooms these first few months, you will see varied information on the learning system as teachers develop and grow their Canvas Classroom.

Towards the end of April, staff, students, and parents/guardians will be surveyed for feedback in order to respond to the needs of each group.