



Dear Secondary Parents,

As you may know, in the Fall of 2020, the Pennsbury School District adopted Canvas as the learning management for students in grades 6-12. A Learning Management System, or LMS, is a dynamic online platform that houses course content, assignments, and grades. In essence, it is a one-stop-shop that students use for all of their course work, assignments, grades and feedback.

One change that will take effect for the 2021-22 school year will be how grades are posted. Teachers will only post scores and feedback for all individual assignments in Canvas, not the Home Access Center (HAC).

The benefit of this change is that Canvas allows parents and guardians to view much more than what they would have seen on HAC such as: assignment details, student's submission(s) for assignments, and teacher feedback. Thus, Canvas provides a far richer experience as a parent than HAC.

In order to access your child's grades and feedback from Canvas, each parent/guardian will need to create a Canvas Observer account using a personal email address. Account-creation directions and Canvas user tutorials can be found at the new [Pennsbury Canvas Family Support Site](#). This Pennsbury Canvas Family Support Site will also be linked on the home pages of all Pennsbury secondary schools.

HAC will still be used for all previous purposes, with the exception of individual assignment grades. HAC will continue to be the hub for student demographic information, daily attendance, and for official interim progress reports and end-of-marking-period report cards.

Thank you for your continued support!