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Mobile Browsers
You can access Canvas from any browser on your Android/iOS device. However, mobile browsers are not supported, and features may not function as expected compared to viewing Canvas in a fully supported desktop browser.

On mobile devices, Canvas is designed to be used within Canvas mobile applications. Canvas pages within a mobile browser are only supported when an action in the app links directly to the browser, such as when a student takes certain types of quizzes. Support is not extended to pages that cannot currently be used in the app, such as Conferences or Collaborations.

Mobile Applications
We are actively improving our native mobile applications to support as many Canvas features as possible. Instructor has one native mobile application for observers free for download on both phones and tablets.

- **Canvas Parent** (iOS 8.0+, Android 4.2+). This app is designed for you to engage in your students' education and view assignments, events, and grades. Access to Canvas Parent is managed by your student's institution.

You can learn more about mobile applications in the Canvas Mobile Guides.

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Additionally, Canvas offers limited support for native mobile browsers on tablet devices. For details, please reference the [limited-support mobile browser guidelines](#).

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- **Canvas Student**: This app provides access to Canvas while on the go. Depending on your device, not all Canvas features may be available on the app at this time. View [Canvas Student mobile features](#) by version and device.

- **Polls for Canvas**: If your instructor uses polls in your courses, this app allows you to participate and share your opinion without any extra devices.