

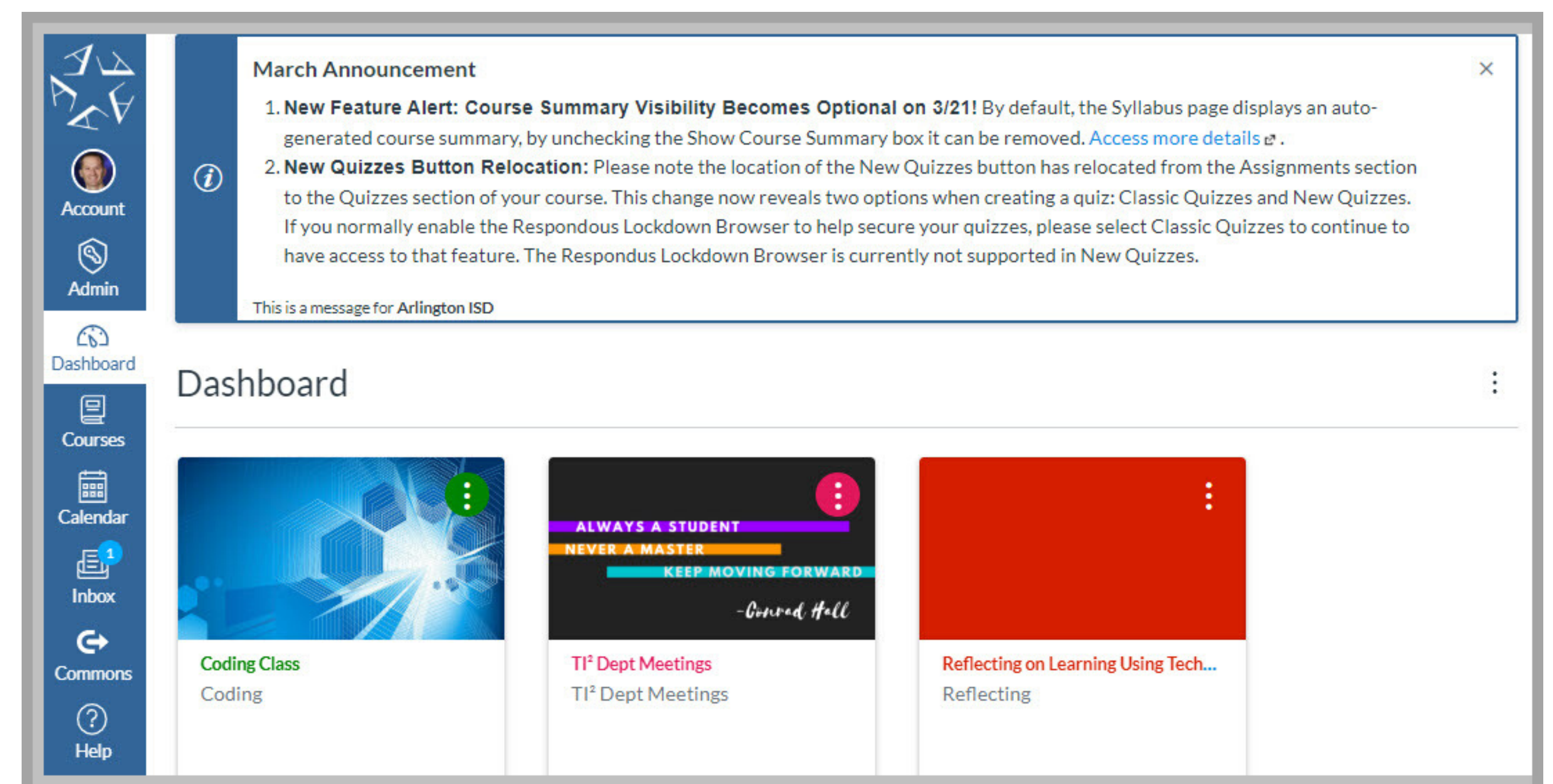
Canvas LMS

Essential to Phase 3 At-Home Learning

Why Canvas?

Canvas is Arlington ISD's adopted and licensed learning management system (LMS) for grades 3-12 and has been an available option for teacher use since the 2015-2016 school year. It is utilized by dozens of ISDs in DFW and in hundreds of school districts around the country. Additionally, it is the preferred LMS for hundreds of colleges and universities including many in Texas.

Canvas has been adopted by so many institutions because of its industry-leading combination of robust functionality and intuitive user experience.



Why Canvas Now?

Phase 2 of AISD's At-Home Learning plan is designed to ensure that all students in grades 3-12 (and their parents and guardians) develop familiarity with Canvas via daily login, course navigation, and access to curated learning activities. No other system provides the district with a similar capacity to drive all 3-12 students to district-designed learning experiences.

In Phase 3, various stakeholders will benefit from the decision to standardize on Canvas as the system to support at-home learning experiences, as summarized below:

Benefits to Students

Given the challenges and stresses facing our students during this time, the district has a responsibility to ensure that students are not required to navigate between a variety of systems to access their learning. Canvas allows learning experiences to be centralized within one system.

Furthermore, it works well across all devices, whether in a browser or in the Canvas mobile app on smartphones and tablets.



Benefits to Teachers

Canvas courses are created by Frontline/Teams and contain data including class periods and student enrollments. It is an 'open platform' that easily allows teachers to leverage existing instructional content from multiple sources including Google Drive. Courses provide powerful options for classroom to home communication and include easy options for recording audio and/or video. Finally, Canvas provides multiple options to empower teacher collaboration and sharing.

Benefits to Administrators

Canvas allows campus leaders to monitor online teaching and learning at the school and department level. At the district-level, leaders can track usage analytics, provide quality support, and troubleshooting assistance. All courses and student work is archived and able to be retrieved at a later date, if necessary.

Benefits to Parents & Guardians

Canvas empowers parents and guardians to co-enroll with their students in Canvas as observers. This allows the parent to access course contents, the student's assignment submissions, and teacher communication and feedback. Parents can also use the Canvas Parent app to monitor their students' progress. Additionally, parents benefit when their students are utilizing the same learning system across all of their courses.