

# Thank you for helping us improve your experience with ArcGIS!

We would like to provide specific guidelines on how to respond to issues in ArcGIS and how they're addressed them. We recognize that when you're experiencing issues, there's likely a class of 30 students in front of you and it's our (Esri's) responsibility to create a better experience that helps you get the issue resolved as quickly as possible. Esri takes our education customers seriously and we want you and your students to succeed and have a good experience with ArcGIS. When you report problems we are listening, and we appreciate your help so we can work toward fixing the problem.

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*Everything begins with reporting the issue to Esri technical support.*

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## Overview

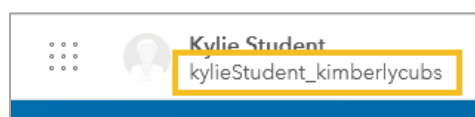
The process used to report a problem is as follows:

1. [You prepare to report a problem by writing up the issue](#)
2. [Your ArcGIS organization authorized caller reports the problem to Esri](#)
3. [An Esri tech support analyst investigates and works with you](#)
4. [Together, you and tech support resolve the issue](#)

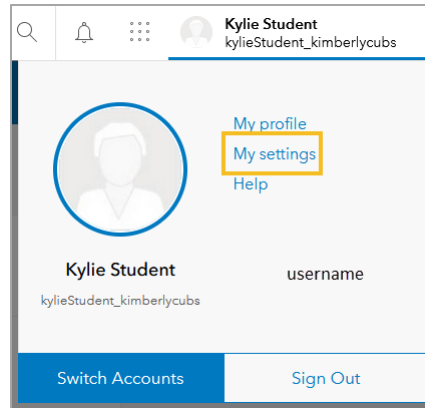
## 1. Prepare to report a problem

So that we can best help you, we need you to report the issue to Esri technical support with as much detail as you can. Prepare a write-up of your problem using the following as a guide:

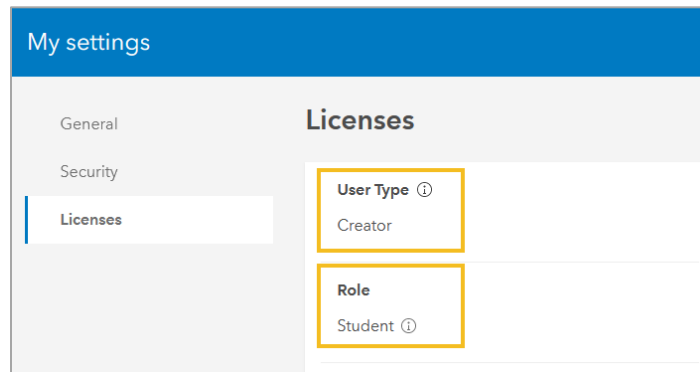
- **What was the problem?**  
Give an overview of what happened and what you had expected.
- **What software were you using?**  
Tell us which app. It could be Map Viewer Classic, Map Viewer, Survey123, StoryMaps, Dashboards, etc. If using a mobile app (not browser), include the version number.  
For schools doing analysis, this is often Map Viewer Classic in ArcGIS Online.  
If you were using ArcGIS Pro, include the version, available in "About."
- **Who were you signed in as?**  
Provide your username, role, and user type. To find them:
  - Your username is in the upper-right corner, beside your profile picture. It is the string with no spaces underneath the prettier "display name."



- Click on your name in the upper-right corner and click "My settings."



- Click “Licenses” on the left of the screen.



If you were not signed in, mention that instead.

- **When did the problem occur?**  
Include the date, time, and what time zone you are in.
- **What task were you trying to accomplish? If using a tool, what specific tool (for example, Create Buffers)?**  
Include as much detail as you can: what were you doing right before you saw the issue, what you were doing as the issue started.  
If using an analysis tool, include the name of the tool, parameters that you set for it, etc. If you can, share a screenshot of what the tool window looked like.
- **What map or data were you using?**  
Providing both the map (a URL please) and the data (which layer in the map you were working with) helps us investigate.
- **Your contact information**  
While you won't necessarily be the person to file the report, you are the best person for Esri support to reach out to if they need more information. Include your email and phone number, as well as some general hours of availability, so that they can best connect with you if needed.

## 2. Report the problem to Esri

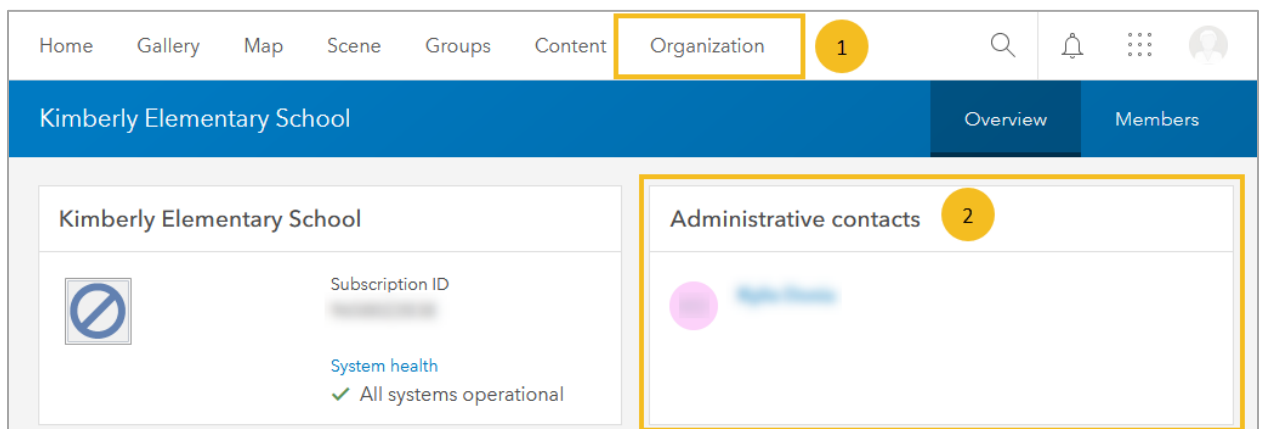
Your ArcGIS organization has an authorized caller who is eligible to report the problem to Esri Tech Support on your behalf. Provide your report to them, along with the instructions in this document.

It is important that issues are reported to tech support and a case generated so that not only do you get a solution, but the information is available to help others who face the same, as well as to provide to the tech teams who are constantly working to improve the software for all users.

### 2.1 Identifying your ArcGIS authorized caller

Your ArcGIS for Schools Bundle has at least one authorized caller – a person who can start cases with tech support on behalf of your organization. This is likely your ArcGIS Online administrator. The administrator is the person managing the organization. It might be a district tech support person, or it might be a teacher. It might be you. Let's check:

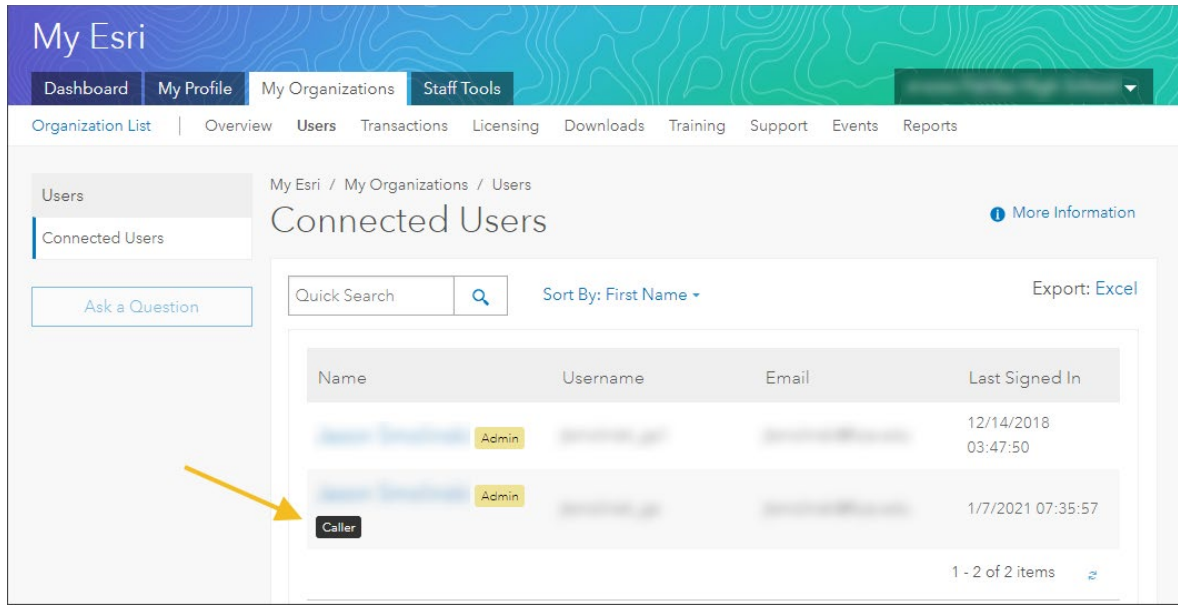
1. Sign in to ArcGIS Online and click "Organization" in the header.
2. In the Overview tab, you'll see an "Administrative contacts" section that lists some of the admins for your organization.



3. If there are multiple administrative contacts, reach out to them to find out who is the authorized caller.

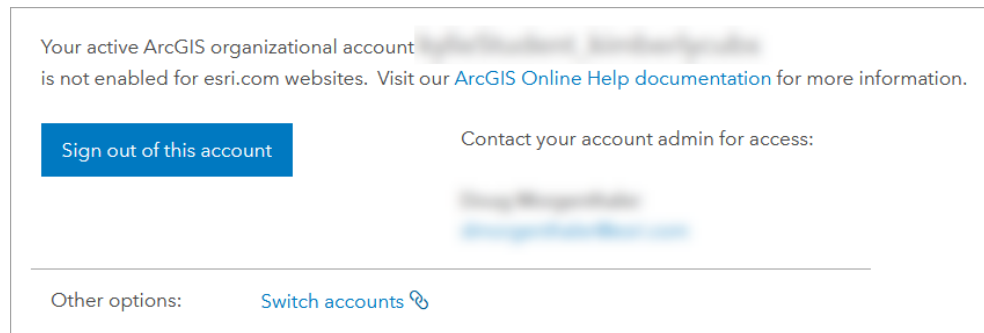
An admin can find out who is an authorized caller by checking <https://my.esri.com>.

On My Esri, click "My Organizations" and click "Users." The authorized caller says "Caller" next to the name. You might not have an authorized caller listed; in that case, have that admin report the issue. (They should contact customer service to get an authorized caller listed – however, you can proceed without that designation so don't let it delay your reporting.)



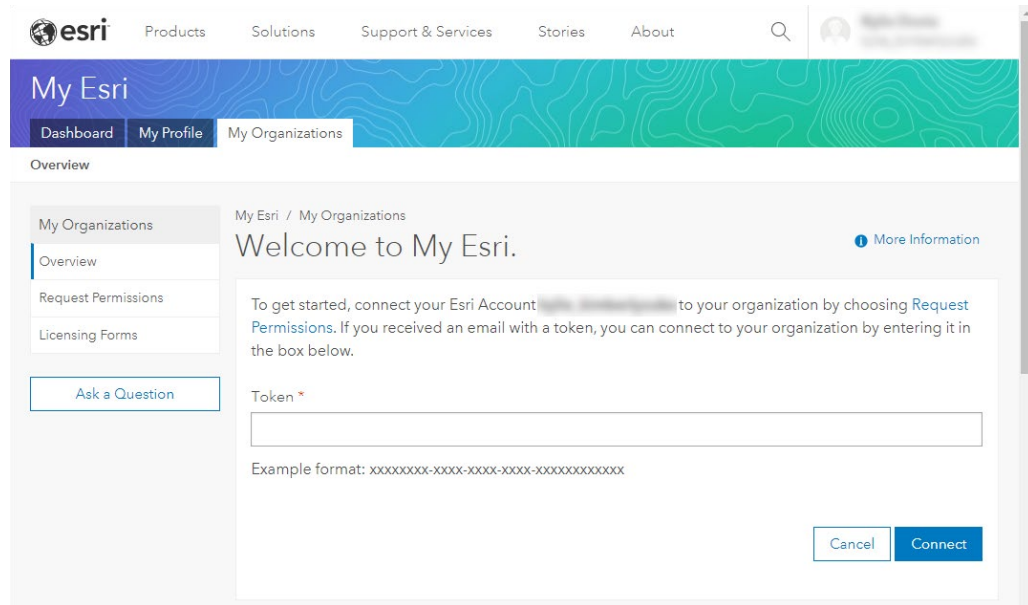
Your account might not work on My Esri. You do need it to submit your report, so take the time to get it fixed now. There are two common issues:

- **Issue 1:** You see a message about your account not being enabled for esri.com websites.



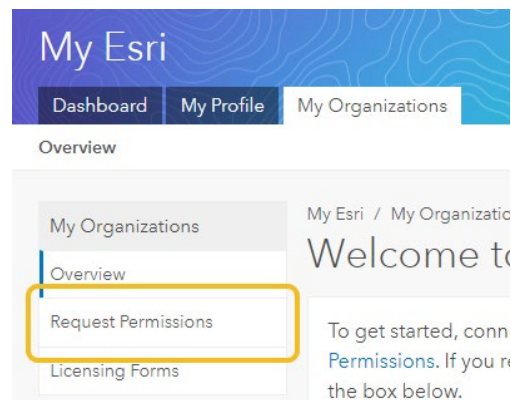
**Fix 1:** Enable Esri Access for your ArcGIS account as follows:

1. Go to your account on <https://arcgis.com> and sign in how you do there to work with maps.
  2. Click "Organization" in the header and click "Members" in the blue bar. on your name in the upper-right corner and click "My settings."
  3. Find your username, click the ellipses (...) to the right of your account in the list, and click "Enable Esri Access."
  4. You will now be able to use My Esri, but you will have Issue 2 to address next.
- **Issue 2:** Your "My Organizations" tab doesn't have a "Users" option. It only has "Overview."



**Fix 2:** Your account on My Esri isn't connected to your organization. Get connected as follows:

1. If you have the plain text email sent when you got your school bundle, go to it. It has a link for connecting to My Esri. Click that link and skip the rest of these steps.
2. If you don't have the plain text email, click "Request Permissions" on the left side of the screen.



3. Fill out the form, providing any of the information you do have. For "Organization Name" include the name as it appears when you log in to ArcGIS. Request all the available permissions.
4. Send your request. You'll get a confirmation email. [Esri's Customer Service team](#) will receive your request and help you get connected.

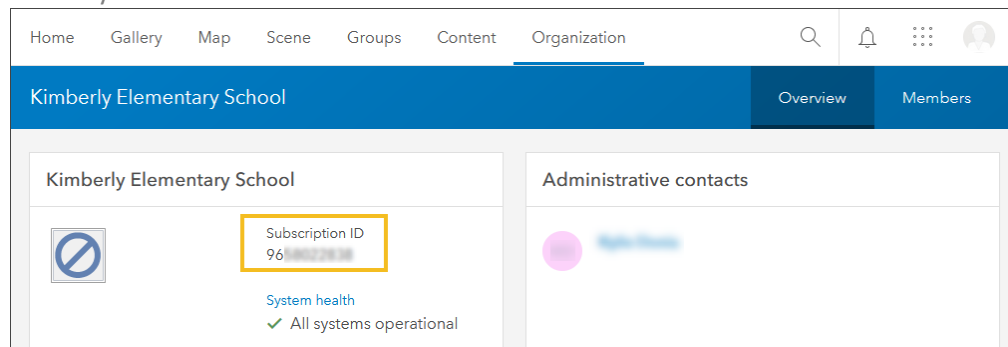
4. Still not sure who your authorized caller is? Submit the report yourself and send an email to [schools@esri.com](mailto:schools@esri.com). We'll help you get your problem resolved, and we'll also help you get the authorized caller updated.

Keep in mind that while multiple people receive emails sent to that alias, we aren't tech support and aren't available outside US business hours.

## 2.2 What your authorized caller gathers before submitting the report

The authorized caller takes the issue report you made and makes note of the following information that will be requested when they submit the report:

- **Your school's Customer Number**  
You'll find this number on <https://my.esri.com> – if no one has access to My Esri, a link granting access was in the emails you received when you got the organization. Or follow the steps in 2.1.3 above.
- **Your ArcGIS Online Organization's Subscription ID**  
You'll find this number in the Overview tab of the Organization on ArcGIS Online. You'll see it even if you aren't the admin.



- **Your school's ArcGIS Online Organization URL prefix**  
For example, "myschool" if your URL is [myschool.maps.arcgis.com](https://myschool.maps.arcgis.com)
- **Their own ArcGIS Online login** (that of the authorized caller or whoever is submitting the report)

## 2.3 How your authorized caller submits the report

Your authorized caller takes your write-up and the information they gathered and submits the problem to Esri in one of the following ways:

- By contacting Esri directly by phone at 888-377-4575
  - a. Follow the prompts to provide details.
- By contacting Esri online at <https://support.esri.com/en/contact-tech-support>
  - a. Click "Request a Case" or "Start a Chat."
  - b. If not signed in, you'll be prompted to do so.
  - c. Fill out the form about the problem.
  - d. Include the write-up and the contact information for the person who did the write-up.
  - e. Make sure to designate the person who wrote up the issue as the primary contact for the report.

Your problem becomes an Esri Tech Support Case. It is given a case number and is sent to an Esri support analyst.

### 3. An Esri tech support analyst investigates and works with you

The same (large) team of skilled tech support analysts who assist GIS professionals also assists you. The team members have specialties across the software, so different issues get handled by different analysts. Here's what happens after you submit your case:

1. The analyst assigned your case reviews the information you provided when you submitted your case.
2. They reach out to you by email, typically within one or two business days of your submission.
  - a. In the email, the analyst summarizes the issue as it was logged.
  - b. They might have follow-up questions for you.
  - c. They might provide links to useful resources.
  - d. They might ask to speak by voice call with the organization administrator or with the person experiencing the issue.
  - e. If your case is simple to resolve or if there is a workaround, they may provide steps for you to take.
  - f. If your case is more complex, it may take longer for the analyst to debug (solve) your problem, and they likely need more information from you while doing so. (Issues related to specific data or configurations, as well as those that only show up under certain conditions, often fall in this category)
3. You respond to this email to contact the analyst, or if requested can phone them.

We know that, as teachers, you have limited availability during the school day. When you reply to them, please let them know you are a teacher and share your availability with the analyst.

### 4. Together, you and tech support resolve the issue

It might take some back and forth, and some patience, but ultimately you and tech support have the same goal: solving the problem and letting you get back to doing amazing things in the classroom. When needed, tech support reaches out to other teams at Esri on your behalf. They coordinate those interactions, as well as tracking what helps you for the benefit of other teachers, other users of the software, and the tech teams that want to prevent others from hitting the same snags you did.

Issues that teachers encounter are often familiar to Esri analysts and can be resolved in short order. But sometimes teachers encounter a new issue, and this may take multiple exchanges to understand with clarity and resolve. If you are unable to help analysts troubleshoot your issue, they may be unable to progress, and the case will be closed.