

ARCGIS ONLINE FREE ACCOUNT SIGN-UP INSTRUCTIONS FOR TEACHERS

Esri offers Canadian K-12 teachers free ArcGIS Online accounts for themselves and their students through Esri Canada's educational programs. Approval for a teacher account takes around 2-3 business days. Once your account is activated, you can then request your student accounts.

Step 1: Request a Teacher Account

- Go to the [Esri Canada K-12 Education Portal](#).
- Fill out the [Signup for ArcGIS for Schools Form](#).
- Provide your name, school email, school name, and school board.
- Check your email for an official invitation link from Esri Canada to finish setting up your administrative login.

Step 2: Request Student Accounts

- Once your teacher account is active, open the [Esri Canada Student Account Request Form](#).
- Submit the form specifying how many accounts you need for your class.
- Esri Canada will batch-create these and email you when they are ready.

Additional Information

Logins and Privacy

- Individual Logins: each student receives their own unique username and password to access their personal workspace.
- Privacy Protections: You do not need to use real student email addresses. You can map all student IDs to a single teacher/school email to keep student identities secure and private.

Monitoring Student Work

- Full Visibility: teachers can view, monitor, and manage everything the students create.
- Control Level: Because your teacher account acts as the organization administrator, you can access the central dashboard to look at individual maps, change item ownership, or safely delete files.
- Public Sharing: Students cannot publish their maps to the public internet on their own. Teachers can use a "Showcase Account" to review, approve, and safely share excellent student work externally.

Student Account Limits

- No Practical Limits: There is no restrictive limit on how many student accounts you can add.
- Free Resource Allocation: The Esri Canada ArcGIS for Schools Bundle provides free, unrestricted access for all classrooms, enabling you to add multiple classes or entire grades as needed.

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What is West Coast N.E.S.T.?

The West Coast N.E.S.T. (Nature. Education. Sustainability. Transformation.) is a regional initiative led by the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust that connects communities, organizations, businesses, and knowledge holders on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

Through education, collaboration, and capacity-building, the NEST creates meaningful learning opportunities, promotes the region's diverse educational programs, and supports a resilient and diversified local economy.

The NEST also facilitates place-based learning by connecting learners with local experts, creating educational resources, and hosting community events.

Learn more at westcoastnest.org.

Looking for more place-based educational content?

The West Coast NEST connects visitors and residents with unique and impactful learning opportunities. Many of these come in the form of place-based, face-to-face, and hands-on activities, but the NEST also helps share the region's abundant knowledge with schools and learners from afar. You can explore local research and conservation work through our online collaborative resources such as our interview series and our StoryMaps collection.

For high school, university, and adult groups seeking immersive educational experiences, we also offer customized itinerary planning, on-site orientation, and ongoing support for each visit. Delivered by regional partners, each program can be tailored to include hands-on learning in areas such as Indigenous culture, ecology, sustainability, science, language, history, outdoor education, and the arts.

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