

Broadcast Message: SEVIS NOTICE – SEVIS Release 6.36 Details

To: All SEVIS Users

Date: Sept. 1, 2017

Re: SEVIS Release 6.36 Details

Number: 1708-04

General Information

The Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) will upgrade the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) to Release 6.36. The forthcoming release is scheduled for Sept. 22, 2017.

Functionality in the Release

Functionality	What Does it Do?
Fix to student financial information RE: Batch change of education level	Requires students to input new financial information when/if they change education level
Updated annual report (J SEVIS)	Updates to comply with the new form
Active students requiring STEM OPT reporting alert list includes all OPT periods	This ensures that both 18 and 24 month reporting periods are included on the alert list
Extend OPT link available for all levels (to accommodate past STEM degrees)	Allows school officials to recommend an OPT extension for all education levels to accommodate a student's past STEM degrees
Fix numbering errors on printed Form I-17	Ensures consistency between SEVIS and the printed Form I-17

Batch Users

Schools and sponsors that use third-party software to push data to SEVIS must plan their Batch uploads carefully.

The update to the system does not involve a change to the Batch schema. Schools that cannot deploy their Batch vendor's updates to their Batch software by the release date will still be able to submit registration events via Batch. For more information regarding the functionality in the

release, system unavailability, and release resources, see the [Release Planning Guide 6.36](#) on the [SEVIS Help Hub](#).

SEVIS Batch file processing will be unavailable until the scheduled upgrade is complete. Please refrain from uploading files in the Production environment during the outage. Files uploaded during the outage will generate an error and users will have to re-upload those files once the Production environment is available.

This upgrade requires an outage of the production environment. See below for the outage details:

- The SEVIS Production environment will NOT be available on Friday, Sept. 22, 2017, from 8 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. EDT.

During the outage, users will not have access to the Production environment. SEVP will not send a follow-up email regarding system availability. Continue to monitor SEVP Broadcast Messages and the SEVIS message board for additional information regarding this outage.

If you have questions regarding any of the changes described in this notice, please contact the SEVP Response Center at 703-603-3400 or 800-892-4829, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET, except on federal holidays.

Comments

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