

Broadcast Message: SEVP Policy Guidance—Use of Electronic Signatures and Transmission for the Form I-20

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On Nov. 1, 2021, the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) published [SEVP Policy Guidance: Use of Electronic Signatures and Transmission for the Form I-20](#), which establishes the procedures for the use of electronic signatures and transmission of the Form I-20, “Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status.”

This guidance permits designated school officials to electronically sign and transmit the Form I-20 to initial and continuing nonimmigrant students and their dependents. Under this guidance, school officials may electronically sign all signature fields on the Form I-20 using software programs or applications or by using electronically reproduced copies of a signature.

Additionally, school officials may scan and email or electronically transmit the Form I-20 via a secure platform, such as a school portal or other secure site, to F and M students and their dependents.

Stakeholders can read the [full guidance](#) at [ICE.gov/SEVIS/Schools](https://ice.gov/SEVIS/Schools), in the Policy section under the Resources header. Please note that this guidance only applies to the Form I-20; there are no additional changes to other SEVP forms or processes at this time.

SEVP coordinated with its government partners within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Department of State and U.S. Social Security Administration to ensure continued acceptance of electronically signed Forms I-20. If a student or school official encounters an issue with a government partner accepting an electronically signed Form I-20 or has questions about this guidance, please contact the SEVP Response Center (SRC) via email at SEVP@ice.dhs.gov or via phone at 703-603- 3400 or 800-892-4829. The SRC is open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET, except federal holidays.

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