

Broadcast Message: SEVIS Notice – SEVP Portal Release 5.6

To: PDSOs and DSOs at SEVP-certified Schools

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General Information

The Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) will deploy SEVP Portal Release 5.6 on Thursday, June 15, 2023. SEVP Portal Release 5.6 is a technical release only and does not have any new functionalities for the student. However, this release will fix the:

- Optional Practical Training (OPT) Start Date from displaying the day before the actual start date.
- Students' issue when requesting a password reset.

Additional information about this release is available in the [SEVP Portal Release 5.6 Planning Guide](#), located on the [SEVP Portal Enhancements](#) page in the [SEVIS Help Hub](#).

The SEVP Portal will NOT be available from Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. EDT.

During the deployment, users will not have access to the SEVP Portal. Any changes to Student and Exchange Visitor Information System student records will upload to the SEVP Portal once it is back online. Be aware that SEVP will not send a follow-up email regarding system availability.

For questions about this release, please contact the SEVP Response Center (SRC) via phone at 703-603-3400 or 1-800-892-4829 or via email at SEVP@ice.dhs.gov. The SRC is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET, except for federal holidays.

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