The following summarizes the final system changes to SEVIS with Release 6.27.

**SEVIS Batch**

The updated SEVISTransLog, SEVISTable, Create-UpdateStudent, Create-UpdateExchangeVisitor, and common schemas as well as the Release 6.27 Batch Application Program Interface (API) are also available on the SEVIS Batch page of ice.gov (http://www.ice.gov/sevis/schools/sevis#tab1).

**All Users**

**Classification of Instructional Program (CIP)**

For this release, a new table widget will be provided to school and sponsor officials to select the CIP code. The table will provide the CIP code, description, group, and group description and each column will be sortable. In addition, the school or sponsor official will be able to either type the CIP code or description in the search field and the table will return any values that match the search field entry. For this release one new CIP code and description will be added for **only for** students as the primary, secondary, and minor codes, 90.0101 – Primary School.

*Example of the CIP Code and Description table*
Student and Exchange Visitor (EV) Lists

The student and EV lists have all been updated to provide school and sponsor officials the ability to sort by column heading and export the list. Each list will default and display 20 nonimmigrant entries, however, the school or sponsor official may either choose to display 10, 15, 20, 30, 100, 500, or 1000 entries. From the lists, the school or sponsor official will also have the ability to click on the student’s or EV’s Surname/Primary Name to view the student or EV record. The student and EV lists can be downloaded in three file formats: CSV (Comma Separated Values), Excel (Microsoft Excel workbook), and PDF (Portable Document Format). In addition, the lists can be printed or copied to the local clipboard.

Example of the All Exchange Visitors and Dependents List

F/M School Officials

Create Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Students (Form I-20)

For this release, all screens for the create Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Students (Form I-20) will be updated to provide school officials with a simpler method of data entry. Each page will be updated with a header, which will include the page title and subtitle (as shown in section 1 below). All field numbering will be removed and section sub headings will be added to distinguish between types of data (as shown in section 2 below). Help text will be provided to the right of the field to provide additional information regarding the field description (as shown in section 3 below). The Date of Birth field will be renamed Birth Date and will calculate and display the nonimmigrant’s age in green (as shown in section 4 below). The valid age range for students will be 4 years of age to 100 years of age.
Example of the Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Students (Form I-20) – Page 1

Legend to the Create Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Students (Form I-20) – Page 1:

1. All screens will be updated with a new header, including the page header and subtitle
2. Numbering of all fields will be removed and sub section headings will be added
3. Help text fields will be provided to the right of the field
4. Date of Birth field will be renamed Birth Date and provide the nonimmigrant’s age in green

Modified Student Information Screen

The Student Information screen will be modified to replace the stripes and break up the student’s information by section headings to provide clarity (as shown in section five below). Buttons to modify the student information will be provided to each school official with an Edit button to the right of each section heading (as shown in section six below). The functionality to register the student will be provided in the Registration button to the right of the Registration heading (as shown in section seven below). All dates will be displayed by month, two digit dates, and four digit year. The flags and alert section (as shown in section four below) will display the following information if the student has related data:

- Current Optional Practical Training (OPT) flags
- I-901 fee flag
  - If the student record shows that the fee has been paid, and the record was created after September 01, 2004, the flag will read "I-901 Fee paid"
  - If the student record shows that no fee has been paid, and the record was created after September 01, 2004, the flag will read "I-901 Fee due"
  - If the student record shows that no fee has been paid, and the record was created on or before September 01, 2004, the flag will read "I-901 Fee not required."
- If the student is a Border Commuter, a flag will display as "Border Commuter"
- If the student has a Cap Gap extension, a flag will display as "Cap Gap extension to <Cap Gap extension to date>

**Example of the Modified Student Information Screen**

Legend to the Student Information screen modifications:
1. Views, Actions, Corrections links
2. Buttons for reprint Form I-20 and print draft Form I-20
3. Student header
4. Flags and alerts header
5. Section heading
6. Edit button - Ability to edit student information
7. Registration button – Ability to register the student record

**Student Defer Attendance Renamed to Manage Initial Program and Session Dates**

The student Defer Attendance action will be renamed to Manage Initial Program and Session Dates. After the school official enters the program start and end dates, the system will display "The length of this program is <length calculated in months> months.” If the Initial Session Start Date does not meet the updated rules, the following error message will be displayed to the school official, "The Initial Session Start Date may not be more than 152 days after the earliest of the student's Program End Date (if not on post-completion OPT), or the Actual Program End Date, or the Transfer Release date."

**Addition of the Length of Next Break/Vacation Indicator**

For this release a Length of Next Break/Vacation indicator will be provided to school officials. This date will calculate the period between the student’s Current Session End Date (CSED) and the Next Session Start Date (NSSD) to determine if the period between sessions is for an extended period of time. This new field, Length of Next Break/Vacation, can be located on the Student Information screen under Registration.

**Mass Student Registration**

This release will provide the ability for school officials to perform a mass update for student registration to allow school officials to comply with regulatory reporting requirements. From the Listing of Schools screen, the school official will have to click the Mass Actions button and select the Registration link from the SEVIS Mass Actions screen. On the Mass Action: Registration – Records Search screen, school officials will be provided the ability to search for student records eligible for registration. The school official will be able to select from the class of admission, level of study, session start date to/from, and program end date to/from to further refine their list of students for registration. The school official will also have the ability to refine the search by surname/primary name first letter range and CIP code. The school official may also choose to sort the results by Surname/Primary Name, Given Name, Education Level, Major 1, Major 2, Program End Date, and Session Start Date, in either ascending or descending order.

For a student to be included in a mass registration the student cannot owe payment for the I-901 fee. All students must have a U.S. address (with the exception of Border Commuters). Continuing students must also have an e-mail address and telephone information unless the student is a K-12 F-1 student or an M-1 student under the age of 14. Students who do not meet these criteria will not be included in the search results for mass registration.
**Example of the Mass Action: Registration – Records Search Screen**

![Mass Action: Registration - Records Search](image)

The list of student records which match the selected criteria will be displayed on the Mass Action: Registration – Selected Records screen. The columns displayed will be SEVIS ID, Surname/Primary Name, Given Name, Status, Major 1, Major 2, Education Level, Program End Date, and Session Start Date. The school official will also be able to select one particular student record or multiple student records for registration. As the school official navigates through the multiple pages of the result set, records selected on previous pages will remain selected. From this search results page the school official also has the ability to click on the student’s Surname/Primary Name to view the student record in another window without affecting the list of student records already selected for registration.

**Example of the Mass Action: Registration – Selected Records Results**

![Mass Action: Registration - Selected Records](image)

All selected students will be registered for the same Current Session End Date and Next Session Start Date. The school official will have the option to indicate that the student is in their last
term, participating in study/research abroad, or engaged in thesis/dissertation. If any of the options are selected, the option will apply to all students. Mass student registration is limited to 1000 students at a time. Once the mass registration has been submitted, the school official will receive a report with the results of the mass registration from the Downloads page.

**Example of the Mass Action: Registration Submission Screen**

![Mass Action: Registration Submission Screen]

**Mass Registration Report**

Once school officials submit a request for mass registration, they will have the ability to view a report of the results of their mass registration. School officials will be able to locate the report on a new SEVIS Downloads screen, available from the Listing of Schools screen. The name of the report will be provided by the school official, when entering the ‘Results Report Name’ from the Mass Action: Registration submission screen. The report can be downloaded in two file formats: CSV (Comma Separated Values) or Excel (Microsoft Excel workbook). The report will remain available for download for a period of 120 days from the report generation date. Available reports will be displayed chronologically in the System Downloads list from newest to oldest.

The report will contain a header with the following information: Type of action, Search Criteria, Number of records selected, Number of records successfully updated, Number of records that failed to process successfully, Current Session End Date, Next Session State Date, Who performed the updated, Date/Time (EST) the update was submitted, and Date/Time (EST) the update was completed. The report will also display the following columns: SEVIS ID, Surname/Primary Name, Given Name, Date of Birth, Update Status, and Error Reason.
Example of the Mass Action: Registration Report

Student Registration for Students in Initial and Active Status

When a school official attempts to complete the registration for students in Initial status, SEVIS will now verify that the student has paid their I-901 fee or that the student record was created before September 1, 2004.

When a school official attempts to complete the registration for a continuing student in Active status, SEVIS will now verify that the student has paid their I-901 fee or that the student record was created before September 1, 2004.

In addition, the Registration: Initial Student screen has been modified to provide the school official with the length of the session counter (in days) (as shown in item two below). The length of session counter will be green if the session period is 183 days or less. If the length of session counter is greater than 183 days, the school official will have to confirm the session dates. The school official will also be provided with a length of the break counter (in days) (as shown in item three below). The school official will have to confirm the length of the break period if there are more than 152 days between sessions.
Example of the Registration: Initial Student Screen

Legend to the Registration: Initial Student screen modifications:
1. Current Session Start Date
2. Length of the session
3. Length of the break
4. Indicator to determine if the student is on either Study/Research Aboard or Thesis/Dissertation
Modification to the Student List Menu

The Student List menu has been updated to provide a cleaner look and feel for school officials.

Example of the Student List Menu

Update to the Forms I-20, “Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status”

For this release the Forms I-20, “Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status”, will be modified with the following updates:

- Class of admission section on page 1:
  - This section will be renamed from "Class" to "Class of Admission"
  - If the student is a border commuter, the indication will appear in the class of admission section on page 1. The words "Border Commuter" will appear beneath the F-1 class admission and above the word “ACADEMIC AND LANGUAGE”

- Program Of Study section on page 1:
  - A new field titled "Start of Classes" will be added in the first column. This field will display the Initial Session Start Date as entered by the P/DSO.
  - The Program Start Date and Program End Date fields will be merged together into one field titled "Program Start/End Date"
  - A new field titled "Earliest Admission Date" will be added in the third column. This date field will be populated with the student’s Program Start Date minus 30 days
    - This field will be left blank when the student has a pending Change of Education Level or Transfer
  - All date fields will be formatted to display: DD Month YYYY - DD Month YYYY (ex. 08 August 2013 - 08 August 2015)
  - The Normal Length of Program field will be removed
- Financials section on page 1:
The form will now indicate the number of dependents associated to the principal record when the student requests reinstatement. The total number of dependents associated to the principal student record will appear on page 1 of the Forms I-20, under the Financials section (Expenses of Dependents (x)), where x indicates a numeric number.

- Employment Authorization section:
  - The column "Authorization Type" will be renamed to "Type"

- Authorized Drop Below Full Course of Study section:
  - This section will be renamed to "Authorized Reduced Course Load"
  - The column "Authorization Type" will be renamed to "Type"

- Travel Authorization section:
  - A new section called "Current Session Dates" will be added with the following columns:
    - Current Session Start Date
    - Current Session End Date

Sponsor Officials

Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (Form DS-2019)

For this release, all screens for the create Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (Form DS - 2019) will be updated to provide sponsor officials with a simpler method of data entry. Each page will be updated with a header, which will include the page title and subtitle (as shown in section 1 below) and all field numbering will be removed and section sub headings added to break up each area (as shown in section 2 below). To provide additional information regarding the field description, help text will be provided to the right of the field (as shown in section 3 below). In addition, the Date of Birth field will be renamed Birth Date and provide the nonimmigrants age in green (as shown in section 4 below).
Example of the Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (Form DS-2019) – Page 1

Legend to the Create Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (Form DS-2019) – Page 1:
1. All screens will be updated with a new header, including the page header and subtitle
2. Numbering of all fields will be removed and sub section headings will be added
3. Help text fields will be provided to the right of the field
4. Date of Birth field will be renamed Birth Date and provide the nonimmigrant’s age in green

Modification to the Exchange Visitors and Dependents Menu

The EV and dependent menu has been updated to provide a cleaner look and feel for sponsor officials.
Example of the Exchange Visitors and Dependents Menu

Secondary School Student Residential Information

Residential Address Information has been expanded for EVs in the category of Secondary School Student. When creating an EV record, the Residential Address Information fields are available on the Contact and Program Information page. The sponsor official can enter Local Coordinator information including Last Name, First Name and Zip Code. The sponsor official will be able to select a Residential Address Type of either Host Family or Boarding School. If Host Family is selected, the official can enter the following fields: Residential Address Type, Primary Contact Last Name, Primary Contact First Name, Secondary Contact Last Name, Secondary Contact First Name and Telephone Number. If Boarding School is selected, the official can enter the following fields: Primary Contact Last Name, Primary Contact First Name, Primary Contact Title, Boarding School Name, and Telephone Number.

Modification to the Exchange Visitor Information Screen – Residential Address Information

A new link called Residential Information will be added on the Exchange Visitor Information screen for EVs in the category of Secondary School Student and Au Pair. The Residential Information page will display when the link is clicked. The link will be available when an EV’s status is Initial, both before and after visa data displays on the record, and in Active status.

Example of the Exchange Visitors Residential Address Information for Secondary School Students
Correct SEVIS Status and Reinstatement – Update SEVIS Status for Secondary School Students

When a sponsor corrects the status of an EV in the category of Secondary School Student, the Correct SEVIS Status screen will be modified to provide the ability for sponsor officials to update Local Coordinator and Residential Address Information.

When a sponsor must submit a Reinstatement – Update SEVIS Status request to change the status of an EV in the category of Secondary School Student, the Reinstatement – Update SEVIS Status screen will be modified to provide the ability for sponsor officials to update Local Coordinator and Residential Address Information.

Initial Status Exchange Visitors Without Residential Address Information List

A new list on the Exchange Visitors and Dependents Menu screen called, Initial Status Exchange Visitors Without Residential Address Information, will be created for sponsor officials to notify them of EVs in the Secondary School Student category that are in Initial status and do not have residential information. The list will provide the following columns: SEVIS ID, Surname/Primary Name, Given Name, Program Begin Date, and Program End Date. Residential Address data is required prior to validation.

Validate Program Participation Updates

The following fields will no longer display on the Validate Program page:

- Passport Number
- Passport Issuing Country
- Passport Expiration Date
- Visa Number
- Post/Country of Visa Issuance
- Visa Expiration Date
- Visa Issue Date
- Port of Entry
- Date of Entry

Ability to Modify EVs Program End Date for Transferred J-1 Records

Sponsor officials will be able to modify an EV’s Program End Date when updating a record for an EV when they are transferring in to a new program. The new Program End Date in combination with the Program Begin Date cannot exceed the maximum duration of participation for the EV’s category.

User Manuals, Online Help, and Tutorials

SEVP will update the SEVIS Online Help and User Manuals for school and sponsor officials to reflect the changes implemented with SEVIS Release 6.27.