

Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Release 6.39 Final System Changes

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The following summarizes the final system changes to SEVIS Release 6.39.

F/M School Officials

Privacy Act Statement and Paperwork Reduction Act and Public Burden Notice

Upon logging into SEVIS and after the SEVIS Warning screen, school officials will now need to read and verify that they have read the Privacy Act Statement and Paperwork Reduction Act and Public Burden prior to moving to the Broadcast Message screen.

Example of the Privacy Act Statement and Paperwork Reduction Act and Public Burden Notice



U.S. Department of Homeland Security

I Have Read and Understand This Notice

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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITIES: Section 101(a)(15)(F) of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, as amended (INA), 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(F), Section 641 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IRIRA), Pub. L. 104-208, Div. C, 110 Stat. 3009-546 (codified at 8 U.S.C. 1372), Section 502 of the Enhanced Border Security and Visa Entry Reform Act of 2002, Pub. L. 107-173, 116 Stat. 543 (codified at 8 U.S.C. 1762) and Homeland Security Presidential Directive No. 2 (HSPD-2), authorize U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to collect the information requested in this form.

PURPOSE: The information collection on this form is used to assist in the administration of the STEM Optional Practical Training (OPT) extension so that Designated School Officials (DSO) can properly recommend the Student for and review and help coordinate his or her STEM optional practical training opportunity.

ROUTINE USES: The information collected on this form may be shared with: the individuals who signed the Plan, relevant DSOs acting as liaisons with the DHS, Federal, State, local, or foreign government entities for law enforcement purposes, Members of Congress in response to requests on the Student's behalf, or as otherwise authorized pursuant to its published Privacy Act system of records notice - Privacy Act of 1974, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, DHS/ICE-001 Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) System of Records (<https://www.dhs.gov/system-records-notices-soms>).

DISCLOSURE: The information you provide is voluntary. However, failure to provide the information requested on this form may delay or prevent participation in a STEM OPT opportunity.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT AND PUBLIC BURDEN

The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 7.5 hours per response, including time required for searching existing data sources, gathering the necessary documentation, providing the information and/or documents required, and reviewing the final collection. You do not have to supply this information unless the collection displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. If you have comments on the accuracy of this burden estimate and/or recommendations for reducing it, send them to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, OIG/OPRA Clearance Officer, 801 1 Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20536-5800. Do not mail your completed form to this address.

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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Authority: U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) is authorized to collect information by Section 641 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (codified at 8 U.S.C. 1372), Public Law 104-208, Public Law 107-56, U.S.A. PATRIOT Act, Homeland Security Presidential Directive-2 (HSPD-2, Combating Terrorism Through Immigration Policies), as amended by HSPD-5, Management of Domestic Incidents, Compilation of HSPDs), 8 CFR 214.2(f), 8 CFR 214.2(m), 8 CFR 214.3, and 8 CFR 214.4.

Purpose: Your information collected through the ICE Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) is used to either nominate you as a designated school official (DSO), certify that you as a DSO are familiar with relevant regulations of admission and maintenance of status for F and M students and school certification, and affirm your compliance with these regulations, including the requirement to update and maintain school records and nonimmigrant student records in SEVIS. If you are a private school owner, your information is also collected for contact purposes by SEVP when the primary DSO is unavailable. SEVP uses your information to review and certify a school's certification or recertification in order to participate in the Student and Exchange Visitor Program.

Agency Disclosure of Information: Your information may be shared internally within the DHS, as well as with federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, and foreign law enforcement, other government agencies, and other parties for audit, enforcement, investigatory, litigation, or other purposes permitted by law and policy. This disclosure is in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a(b), including pursuant to the routine uses published in the DHS/ICE-001 Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) System of Records, which can be viewed at <https://www.dhs.gov/privacy>.

For private school owners who are not currently a United States Citizen or Lawful Permanent Resident, your information may be shared internally within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), as well as with federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, and foreign law enforcement, other government agencies, and other parties for audit, enforcement, investigatory, litigation, or other purposes permitted by law and policy.

Providing information to DHS: The information you provide is voluntary. However, failure to provide the information requested may lead to a withdrawal of approval of your school's certification or a denial of your school's recertification of eligibility to participate in the Student and Exchange Visitor Program.

New Alert When Selecting Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (North Korea)

School officials will see a new alert when the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (North Korea) is selected for the following fields: Country of Birth, Country of Citizenship, and Foreign Address Country. Users will need to click the OK button to proceed with their data entry or updates.

Example of the Alert when Selecting Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (North Korea)
Modification to the SEVIS Updates Submitted by Students Downloadable Report

A new column, ‘Relation to Field of Study’, will be added to the SEVIS Updates Submitted by Students downloadable report. This new column will capture changes made to the ‘Relation to Field of Study’ field in the SEVP Portal.

Sponsor Officials

New Alert When Selecting Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (North Korea)

Sponsor officials will see a new alert when the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (North Korea) is selected for the following fields: Country of Birth, Country of Citizenship, Foreign Address Country, and Country of Legal Permanent Residence. Users will need to click the OK button to proceed with their data entry or updates.

Example of the Alert when Selecting Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (North Korea)

Update to Form DS-2019 – Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) Status

The Form DS-2019 – Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) Status will be modified to expand the Country of Birth, Country of Citizenship and Country of Legal Permanent Residence fields, to accommodate the new country code description for Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea).

User Manuals

SEVP will update the User Manuals for school officials to reflect the changes implemented with SEVIS Release 6.39.