Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Release 6.35 Final System Changes

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The following summarizes the final system changes to SEVIS Release 6.35.

SEVIS Batch

An overview of the SEVIS Batch modifications with Release 6.35 can be found in the SEVIS Release 6.35 Batch System Changes document on the SEVIS Batch page of ice.gov (http://www.ice.gov/sevis/schools/sevis#tab1). No batch schema changes will be made to support these changes. The Release 6.35 Batch Application Program Interface (API) is also available on this page.

F/M School Officials

Reporting science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) optional practical training (OPT) Participation

School officials will have the ability to indicate when they have received a student's self-evaluation when reporting OPT STEM participation. A school official will have the ability to either report up to 30 days before and 31 days after the reporting deadlines (6, 12, 18, and 24 months). School officials will have the ability to indicate one of the following STEM reporting periods and the event will be recorded in the event history:
- STEM OPT 6 Month Participation Reported
- STEM OPT 12 Month Participation Reported
- STEM OPT 18 Month Participation Reported
- STEM OPT 24 Month Participation Reported

Form I-20 Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status - Dependent Counts

If the student is in Initial or Active status, the dependent count will only include Initial or Active dependents. If the student is in Terminated status and the student's Form I-20 Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status is for a requested or pending reinstatement, the dependent count will only include Terminated dependents.

Create New Students for Schools in Withdrawn Status

This release will disable the ability for a school in Withdrawn status to create a new student.

Sponsor Officials

Request for Brochures

Sponsor officials will no longer have the ability to request for brochures from the U.S. Department of States (DoS).

Replacing Responsible Officer

This release will provide the ability for sponsor officials to submit a request to replace the Responsible Officer (RO) and determine if the RO that is being replaced should become an Alternate Responsible Officer (ARO). If the replace RO request is approved by the Office of Designation, the system will change the role of the official who is being replaced to ARO.

Adding Officials

When adding officials to a program, each addition will require review by the Office of Designation even if the official currently has a role in SEVIS as a RO or ARO.

User Manuals and Online Help

SEVP and the Department of State will update the SEVIS Online Help and User Manuals for school and sponsor officials to reflect the changes implemented with SEVIS Release 6.35.