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# Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP)

**SEVP Developments Presentation**

**Winter 2008**



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## Agenda

- **Statistics**
- **Policy Updates**
- **School Certification Update**
- **SEVIS II**
- **Outreach Updates**
- **Question and Answer Session**



## Current Trends

*As of October 14, 2008*

- SEVP-Certified Schools 9,555
- DoS Designated Sponsors 1,435
- Active Participants 1,057,557
  - 753,889 Active F & M Students
    - 745,223 (F-1)
    - 8,666 (M-1)
  - 176,839 Active Exchange Visitors (J)
  - 126,829 Active Dependents (F, M & J)



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## Policy Update



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## SEVP Fee Rule

- Published September 26<sup>th</sup>. Effective October 27, 2008
- New fees for students, exchange visitors and schools
- Recertification to begin early 2009
- Provides resources for:
  - Liaisons to Academic Institutions
  - Additional Compliance Enforcement Unit (CEU) Full-Time Employees
  - SEVIS II developments
  - Recertification



## SEVP Fees

<b>Fee changes effective as of October 27, 2008</b>	<b>Previous Fee:</b>	<b>New Fee:</b>
<b>Nonimmigrant Students</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>Most Exchange Visitors</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$180</b>
<b>Au Pair, Camp Counselors, Summer Work/Travel Program</b>	<b>\$35</b>	<b>\$35</b>
<b>Government-Sponsored Exchange Visitors</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>School Certification</b>	<b>\$230</b>	<b>\$1,700</b>
<b>School Site Visit</b>	<b>\$350</b>	<b>\$655</b>
<b>Recertification of SEVP-Certified Schools</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Petitions for Change in Ownership of SEVP-Certified Schools</b>	<b>\$230</b>	<b>\$1,700</b>
<b>Additional Campus Site Visit</b>	<b>\$350</b>	<b>\$655</b>



## Recertification Requirements

- Continued ability to meet eligibility requirements, the “bona fides”
- Regularly met the school reporting and record keeping requirements (updates – petition updates)
- Regularly met the student reporting requirements-validations studies
- Upon review of other data sources (validation studies, data fix requests, other corrections) the school record does not suggest an anomaly





## Recertification Requirements (cont.)

- Schools receive 180, 90, and 30-day SEVIS notice
- Approximately 400 schools selected monthly
- School may start the process once it receives the 180-day notice
- School must submit a “complete package” for adjudication
- Performance evaluated using “scorecard”
- Multi-modal communications plan was created to compensate for lack of liaisons during first stage -- early 2009

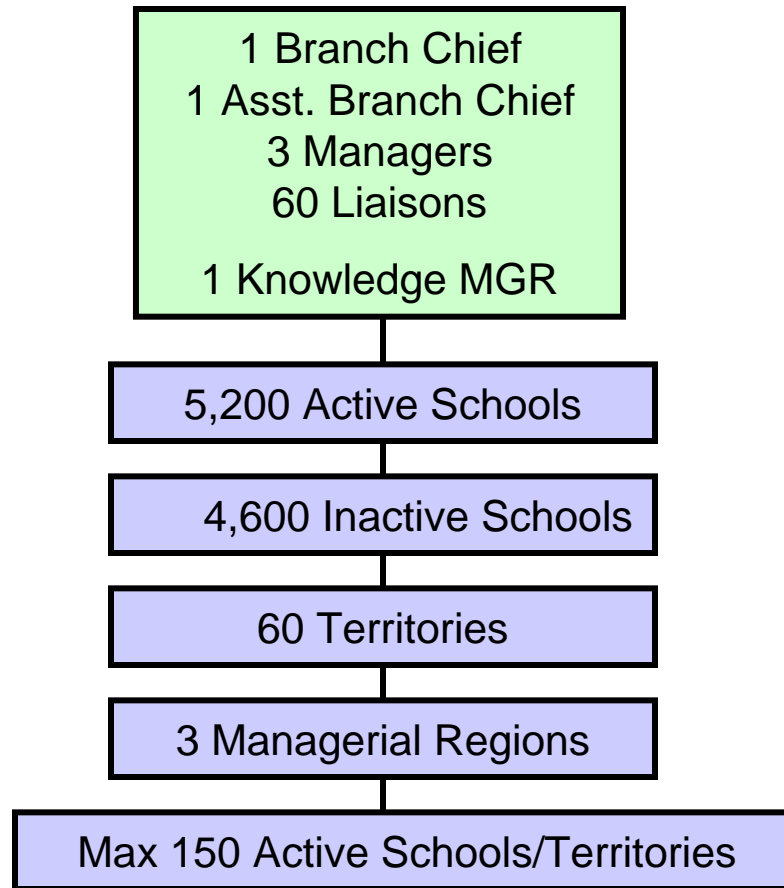


## Liaisons

- **Liaison Responsibilities**
  - Provide proactive support to schools as Subject Matter Experts on 8 CFR and SEVIS functionality
  - First stop for schools Q & A, Recertification process, SEVIS I and II training
  - Assist in resolving systemic issues in coordination with all locally concerned parties
  - Provide step-by-step guidance on all SEVIS reporting issues
  - Conduct personalized DSO training sessions

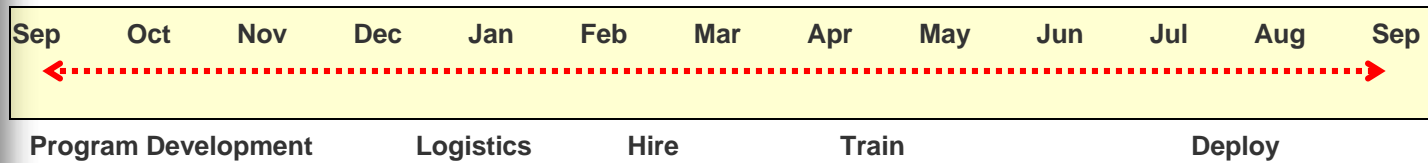


## Liaisons



2008

2009



## Reporting Reminders

- **Master the Form I-20 basics**
  - Name
  - U.S. Address
  - Birth Date
  - Student Reporting Fact Sheet:  
<http://www.ice.gov/sevis/factsheet/061605dsoreporting.htm>
  - Policy Guidance on Eliminating Data Discrepancies:  
[http://www.ice.gov/sevis/faqs/data\\_integrity.htm](http://www.ice.gov/sevis/faqs/data_integrity.htm)



## Reporting Reminders

- Avoiding I-515A
  - Prevent having to handle I-515A reporting!  
Teach students to hand carry appropriate documents for entry into the U.S.
    - Passport/Visa
    - Signed I-20
    - Fee payment receipt
  - I-515A Tool Kit:  
<http://www.ice.gov/doclib/sevis/pdf/I515A%20tool%20kit.pdf>
  - Fact Sheet on what to expect at a port of entry:  
[http://www.ice.gov/sevis/factsheet/100104ent\\_stdnt\\_fs.htm](http://www.ice.gov/sevis/factsheet/100104ent_stdnt_fs.htm)



## Reporting Reminders

- OPT
  - 12-Month Post-Completion OPT reporting:
    - Interruptions to employment
  - Students must report to their DSO within 10 days if there are changes to their:
    - Legal name
    - Residential or mailing address



## Reporting Reminders

- STEM
  - Students must report to their DSO within 10 days if there are changes to their:
    - Legal name
    - Residential or mailing address
    - Employer address
    - Employment status



## Reporting Reminders

- STEM (cont.)
  - Students must send the DSO a validation report every six months including while on STEM extension of OPT:
    - Full legal name
    - SEVIS identification number (if requested by the school)
    - Current mailing and residential address
    - Name and address of the current employer
    - Date the student began working for the current employer





## Upcoming Policy Guidance

- OPT Fact Sheet for Employers
- Fact Sheet for DMVs
- Fee Fact Sheet
- Guidance for DSOs on the OPT Extension
- Recertification Guidance



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## School Certification Update



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## Petition Updates

- I-17 is a living document that requires constant review and update
- Part of a school's reporting requirements
  - Once you submit the I-17 update, you will receive a request for the required documentation
  - Changes of location and campus additions require a site visit prior to adjudication
    - You will receive a request for payment for a site visit fee
- Change of ownership requires a non-refundable file fee



## Update Reminder

- Remember to update the list of DSOs in SEVIS
  - Required by regulation – 8 CFR 214.3(l)(2)
  - Security concerns associated with former DSOs having access to SEVIS
  - Will help with recertification
- Remember to review the contact information in SEVIS (e-mails, phone numbers)
  - Used to contact you



## Petition Updates

- When done in a timely manner they prepare a school for recertification

- See the job aid available at:

[http://www.ice.gov/doclib/sevis/pdf/i17\\_process.pdf](http://www.ice.gov/doclib/sevis/pdf/i17_process.pdf)

- Best Management Practice: Review your I-17 information concurrent with each registration cycle or sooner



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## SEVIS II Update



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## SEVIS II

### Update

# SEVIS II

- Currently under development
- Divided into 10 products and packaged into three modules
- Prior to release, the entire system will be tested and certified
- SEVIS II will retain all functions of SEVIS with better interface
- Flexible searching and reporting
- Field level validation to minimize errors
- Context sensitive help on every screen
- Much easier to update



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SEVIS II  
Update

## Customer Service Accounts

- USCIS leading DHS towards Customer Service Accounts for anyone doing business with Immigration Line of Business
  - One person, One record
  - No need to keep providing DHS the same information
  - Maintain history
- SEVIS II will pilot Account Set-up
  - USCIS system will not be available at SEVIS II start-up



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## I-17 Migration

- Information will migrate to extent possible
- Schools will have to:
  - Validate some fields
  - Add data to new fields
- Forms will have context sensitive help
- Extensive outreach effort
- Not considered an update or adjudication



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## Admissibility Indicator

- Admissibility Indicator (New functionality)
  - Leave of Absence
    - Allows students to remain in F-1 status
    - Must be outside the US
    - For up to five months
  - Study outside the US
    - Student remains in F-1 status
    - Must be outside the US
    - Can return based on session dates or when DSO designates



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## Outreach Efforts

- Our standard method of keeping in touch is through our website:

[www.ice.gov/sevis](http://www.ice.gov/sevis)

- Quarterly newsletter/e-letter posted on website
- Web-based training for DSOs
- Frequently asked questions and fact sheets
- I-17 petition information



## Contact Information

- **General questions:**
  - Email [sevis.source@dhs.gov](mailto:sevis.source@dhs.gov)  
or call 1.800.561.5294 and press “0”
- **School certification questions:**
  - Email [schoolcert.SEVIS@dhs.gov](mailto:schoolcert.SEVIS@dhs.gov)
  - or call 703.603.3400
  - or fax at 703.603.3597 or 703.603.3598
- **Technical questions:**
  - Call the SEVIS HelpDesk at 1.800.892.4829  
between 8 AM and 8 PM, EST
  - or email [SEVIShelpdesk@eds.com](mailto:SEVIShelpdesk@eds.com)
  - Urgent, technical issues: Email [Toolbox.SEVIS@dhs.gov](mailto:Toolbox.SEVIS@dhs.gov)
- **I-901 fee questions:**
  - Check the web or email SEVP at [fmjfee.SEVIS@dhs.gov](mailto:fmjfee.SEVIS@dhs.gov)
  - or call the hotline at 314.418.8833 (Country code 001)



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New Location

## New Location

*Effective November 8<sup>th</sup>*

**2450 Crystal Drive  
Century Center, Tower 1  
9th floor  
Arlington, VA 22202**



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