

To: All SEVIS Users

Date: March 11, 2016

Re: SEVIS NOTICE – SEVIS Alpha Testing Environment Upgrade to Release 6.27

Number: 1603-03

General Information

The Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) will upgrade the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Alpha Testing environment to apply the latest changes for SEVIS Release 6.27. The updated SEVIS Release 6.27 Anticipated System Changes notice is attached for your information and contains highlights of the planned system changes.

SEVP will post an updated SEVIS Release 6.27 Batch System Changes document, updated Batch schema and updated Batch Application Program (API) — including the lookup tables — on the [SEVIS: Technical Guidance and User Manuals](#) page on Tuesday, March 15, 2016.

Performing upgrades to the Alpha Testing environment will require an outage. See below for the outage details:

- The SEVIS Alpha Testing environment will NOT be available on Friday, March 11, 2016, from 1 to 5 p.m. EST.

During the outage, users will not have access to the SEVIS Alpha Testing environment.

SEVP will continually update the SEVIS Alpha Testing environment while completing the development of additional functionality. Continue to monitor SEVP broadcast messages and the SEVIS message board for additional information regarding updates to the SEVIS Alpha Testing environment.

We will send out information about the final system changes and the scheduled production outage before the official implementation date. If you have questions regarding any of the changes described in the attached notice or SEVIS Alpha Testing environment, please contact the SEVIS Technical Feedback Team at SEVISTechnicalFeedback@ice.dhs.gov. For technical questions regarding the batch updates, please contact SEVIS Batch at SEVIS.Batch@ice.dhs.gov.

If you have additional questions regarding this outage, please contact the SEVP Response Center at 703-603-3400, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET, except holidays and Wednesdays from 12:50 to 1:20 p.m. ET or email SEVP@ice.dhs.gov.

Comments

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