

**To:** All SEVIS users

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**Re:** SEVIS Release 6.24 Functionality, System Unavailability and SEVP Resources

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## **General Information**

The Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Release 6.24 has very little change in functionality. Therefore, instead of holding a SEVIS 6.24 Pre-Release Webinar, the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) will distribute the release information here.

## **SEVIS Release 6.24 Dates and Times**

- Release 6.24 is scheduled for Feb. 12, 2016.
- System unavailability is expected to last approximately four hours on Friday, Feb. 12, 2016 from 8 to 11:59 p.m. EST.

## **SEVIS Release 6.24 Functionality**

The new functionalities will only affect F and M students in SEVIS in real-time interface. The new functionalities will not affect J exchange visitors in SEVIS. The new functionalities will include the ability to:

- Add Actual Start and End Dates to the student list for students with requested, pending, or approved optional practical training (OPT).
- Allow SEVP to turn off or turn on functionality to recommend STEM OPT extension without another SEVIS release.
- Allow SEVP to turn off or turn on functionality to recommend Cap-Gap OPT extension without another SEVIS release.
- Provide a new report in the Downloads page on SEVIS of students who have an Active STEM OPT in their record. For information on SEVIS Downloads, see the Study in the States SEVIS Help Hub page, [Retrieve SEVIS Downloads and Mass Reprints](#).
- Correct errors in the batch transaction log.

## **Batch Users**

- Schools and sponsors that use third-party software to push data to SEVIS must plan their batch uploads carefully. SEVIS will be unavailable for batch uploads during the system release on Friday, Feb. 12, 2016 from 8 to 11:59 p.m. EST.

## **SEVIS Resources**

- [SEVIS Release 6.24 Planning Guide](#)
- [Retrieve SEVIS Downloads and Mass Reprints](#)

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