

This document describes the planned system changes for Batch File Processing (Batch) with SEVIS Release 6.24. The modified Application Program Interface (API) Document for SEVIS Release 6.24 is also available on <http://www.ice.gov/sevis/schools/sevis#tab1>.

F/M Schools

Employer Data Element Validation

For this release, SEVIS will update the logic to ensure that the invalid date format for the StartDate Optional Practical Training (OPT) employer data element will return a date instead of a date/timestamp in the transaction log.

F-1 STEM OPT Ruling

In response to the August 2015 ruling on the 2008 Interim Final Rule granting STEM OPT and cap-gap, the following F/M eligibility processing error codes for STEM OPT will be updated (S1140) and added (S1170).

F/M Eligibility Processing Error Codes – F-1 STEM OPT

| Code | Description |
|-------------|---|
| S1140 | Cap-Gap functionality is currently not supported. |
| S1170 | The Post-completion OPT extension is currently not available. |