General Information

The Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) is scheduled to upgrade the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) to Release 6.37 on Jan. 26, 2018.

Functionality in the Release

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<td>Change to the date range for DSO access to STEM OPT validation reports</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>DSO ability to report receipt of 12- and 24-month self-evaluations from STEM OPT students</td>
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For more information regarding the functionality in the release, system unavailability, and release resources, see the [SEVIS Release 3.7 Planning Guide](#) on the [SEVIS Help Hub](#).

This upgrade requires an outage of the SEVIS Production environment. See below for the outage details:

- The SEVIS Production environment will NOT be available on Friday, Jan. 26, 2018, from 8 to 11:59 p.m. ET

During the outage, users will not have access to the SEVIS Production environment. SEVP will not send a follow-up email regarding system availability. Continue to monitor SEVP Broadcast Messages and the SEVIS Message Board for additional information regarding this outage.

If you have questions regarding any of the changes described in the attached notice, please contact the SEVP Response Center at 703-603-3400 or 800-892-4829, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET, except federal holidays.

FOR BATCH USERS ONLY:
The SEVIS update does not involve a change to the Batch schema. However, schools and sponsors that use third-party software to push data to SEVIS must plan their Batch uploads carefully.

SEVIS Batch file processing will be unavailable until the scheduled upgrade is complete. Please refrain from uploading files in the Production environment during the outage. Files uploaded during the outage will generate an error, and users will have to re-upload those files once the Production environment is available.

Comments

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