

This document describes the planned system changes for Batch File Processing (Batch) in SEVIS Release 6.51. The modified Application Program Interface (API) Document for SEVIS Release 6.51 will also be available on <http://www.ice.gov/sevis/schools/sevis#tab1>. **The Production environment implementation is estimated for February 28, 2020 but this date is subject to change.**

F/M Schools

Capturing Nonimmigrant and Dependent City of Birth

For this release, school officials will have the ability to enter the city of birth for a nonimmigrant or dependent when creating or editing the Form I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status.

To support ability for school officials to capture a nonimmigrant or dependent's city of birth the following data elements will be added to the **Create-UpdateStudent.xsd** schema as follows:

- CreateStudent.Student.PersonalInfo.BirthCity
- CreateStudent.Student.CreateDependent.Dependent.BirthCity
- UpdateStudent.Student.Dependent.Add.BirthCity
- UpdateStudent.Student.Dependent.Edit.BirthCity
- UpdateStudent.Student.PersonalInfo.BirthCity

Capturing Nonimmigrant Dependent Contact Information

When a student is either in Initial or Active status the school official will have the ability to add/edit a dependent's U.S. telephone number, U.S. physical and mailing address in the event the student's dependent must be contacted.

To support ability for school officials to capture additional contact information for the nonimmigrant dependent the following data elements will be added to the **Create-UpdateStudent.xsd** schema as follows:

- CreateStudent.Student.CreateDependent.Dependent.USPhoneNumber
- CreateStudent.Student.CreateDependent.Dependent.USAddress
- CreateStudent.Student.CreateDependent.Dependent.USAddress.Address1
- CreateStudent.Student.CreateDependent.Dependent.USAddress.Address2
- CreateStudent.Student.CreateDependent.Dependent.USAddress.City
- CreateStudent.Student.CreateDependent.Dependent.USAddress.State
- CreateStudent.Student.CreateDependent.Dependent.USAddress.PostalCode
- CreateStudent.Student.CreateDependent.Dependent.USAddress.ExplanationCode
- CreateStudent.Student.CreateDependent.Dependent.USAddress.Explanation
- CreateStudent.Student.CreateDependent.Dependent.MailingAddress
- CreateStudent.Student.CreateDependent.Dependent.MailingAddress.Address1
- CreateStudent.Student.CreateDependent.Dependent.MailingAddress.Address2
- CreateStudent.Student.CreateDependent.Dependent.MailingAddress.City

- CreateStudent.Student.CreateDependent.Dependent.MailingAddress.State
- CreateStudent.Student.CreateDependent.Dependent.MailingAddress.PostalCode
- CreateStudent.Student.CreateDependent.Dependent.MailingAddress.ExplanationCode
- CreateStudent.Student.CreateDependent.Dependent.MailingAddress.Explanation
- UpdateStudent.Student.Dependent.Add.USPhoneNumber
- UpdateStudent.Student.Dependent.Add.USAddress
- UpdateStudent.Student.Dependent.Add.USAddress.Address1
- UpdateStudent.Student.Dependent.Add.USAddress.Address2
- UpdateStudent.Student.Dependent.Add.USAddress.City
- UpdateStudent.Student.Dependent.Add.USAddress.State
- UpdateStudent.Student.Dependent.Add.USAddress.PostalCode
- UpdateStudent.Student.Dependent.Add.USAddress.ExplanationCode
- UpdateStudent.Student.Dependent.Add.MailingAddress
- UpdateStudent.Student.Dependent.Add.USAddress.Address1
- UpdateStudent.Student.Dependent.Add.USAddress.Address2
- UpdateStudent.Student.Dependent.Add.USAddress.City
- UpdateStudent.Student.Dependent.Add.USAddress.State
- UpdateStudent.Student.Dependent.Add.USAddress.PostalCode
- UpdateStudent.Student.Dependent.Add.USAddress.ExplanationCode
- UpdateStudent.Student.Dependent.Edit.USPhoneNumber
- UpdateStudent.Student.Dependent.Edit.USAddress
- UpdateStudent.Student.Dependent.Edit.USAddress.Address1
- UpdateStudent.Student.Dependent.Edit.USAddress.Address2
- UpdateStudent.Student.Dependent.Edit.USAddress.City
- UpdateStudent.Student.Dependent.Edit.USAddress.State
- UpdateStudent.Student.Dependent.Edit.USAddress.PostalCode
- UpdateStudent.Student.Dependent.Edit.USAddress.ExplanationCode
- UpdateStudent.Student.Dependent.Edit.MailingAddress
- UpdateStudent.Student.Dependent.Edit.MailingAddress.Address1
- UpdateStudent.Student.Dependent.Edit.MailingAddress.Address2
- UpdateStudent.Student.Dependent.Edit.MailingAddress.City
- UpdateStudent.Student.Dependent.Edit.MailingAddress.State
- UpdateStudent.Student.Dependent.Edit.MailingAddress.PostalCode
- UpdateStudent.Student.Dependent.Edit.MailingAddress.ExplanationCode

Modifying the Field Length for Last Name and Preferred Name

The field length for a nonimmigrant or dependent's last name will be increased from 40 characters to 80 characters and the nonimmigrant or dependent's preferred name will be increased from 143 characters to 180 characters.

To support the field length change for the last name and preferred for the nonimmigrant and dependent the following data elements will be modified to the **Create-UpdateStudent.xsd** schema as follows:

- CreateStudent.Student.PersonalInfo.FullName.LastName
- CreateStudent.Student.PersonalInfo.FullName.PreferredName
- CreateStudent.Student.CreateDependent.Dependent.FullName.LastName
- CreateStudent.Student.CreateDependent.Dependent.FullName.PreferredName
- UpdateStudent.Student.Dependent.Add.FullName.LastName
- UpdateStudent.Student.Dependent.Add.FullName.PreferredName
- UpdateStudent.Student.Dependent.Edit.FullName.LastName
- UpdateStudent.Student.Dependent.Edit.FullName.PreferredName
- UpdateStudent.Student.PersonalInfo.FullName.LastName
- UpdateStudent.Student.PersonalInfo.FullName.PreferredName

Modified Gender Code

The gender code description for the code “U” from unknown to other. Reference Table 36, Gender Codes, in the Batch API and below for the updated gender description.

Gender Codes

GENDER CODE	GENDER DESCRIPTION
M	MALE
F	FEMALE
U	OTHER

J Program Sponsors

Modifying the Field Length for Last Name, Birth City, and Preferred Name

The field length for a nonimmigrant or dependent’s last name will be increased from 40 characters to 80 characters, the birth city field will be increased from 50 characters to 100 characters, and the nonimmigrant or dependent’s preferred name will be increased from 143 characters to 180 characters.

To support the field length change for the last name and preferred for the nonimmigrant and dependent the following data elements will be modified to the **Create-UpdateExchangeVisitor.xsd** schema as follows:

- CreateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Biographical.FullName.LastName
- CreateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Biographical.FullName.PreferredName
- CreateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Biographical.BirthCity
- CreateEV.ExchangeVisitor.CreateDependent.Dependent.FullName.LastName
- CreateEV.ExchangeVisitor.CreateDependent.Dependent.FullName.PreferredName
- CreateEV.ExchangeVisitor.CreateDependent.Dependent.BirthCity
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Biographical.FullName.LastName

- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Biographical.FullName.PreferredName
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Biographical.BirthCity
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Dependent.Add.FullName.LastName
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Dependent.Add.FullName.PreferredName
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Dependent.Add.BirthCity
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Dependent.Edit.FullName.LastName
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Dependent.Edit.FullName.PreferredName
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Dependent.Edit.BirthCity

Capturing Exchange Visitor's (EVs) Foreign Telephone Number

Sponsor officials will have the ability to enter an EV's foreign telephone number when creating or editing an EV in order to provide another means of communication between the sponsor and EV.

To support ability to capture an EV's foreign telephone number the following data elements will be added to the **Create-UpdateExchangeVisitor.xsd** schema as follows:

- CreateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Biographical.ForeignPhone
- CreateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Biographical.ForeignPhone.CountryNumber
- CreateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Biographical.ForeignPhone.TelephoneNumber
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Biographical.ForeignPhone
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Biographical.ForeignPhone.CountryNumber
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Biographical.ForeignPhone.TelephoneNumber

Capturing an Exchange Visitor Identifier

Sponsor officials will have the ability to enter an organization specific identifier for the EV when creating or editing an EV so that they can enter an organization specific identifier.

To support ability to capture an EV's ID number the following data elements will be added to the **Create-UpdateExchangeVisitor.xsd** schema as follows:

- CreateEV.ExchangeVisitor.EVId
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Program.EditSubject.EVId

Capturing Exchange Visitor Remarks

Sponsor officials will have the ability to enter remarks related to the nonimmigrant when creating or editing an EV in Initial status (before or after visa issuance) and Active status.

To support the ability to enter remarks related to the nonimmigrant the following data elements will be added to the **Create-UpdateExchangeVisitor.xsd** schema as follows:

- CreateEV.ExchangeVisitor.EVRemarks

- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Program.EditSubject.EVRemarks

Capturing EV Dependent US Phone Number and US Physical and Mailing Addresses

When creating or editing an EV record with a spouse/dependent sponsor officials will have the ability to enter the US phone number and US physical and mailing addresses for an EV's spouse/dependents to ensure that there is additional contact information for the dependent.

To support the ability to enter the US phone number and US physical and mailing addresses for an EV's spouse/dependents the following data elements will be added to the **Create-UpdateExchangeVisitor.xsd** schema as follows:

- CreateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Create Dependent.Dependent.PhoneNumber
- CreateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Create Dependent.Dependent.USAddressSameAsEVUSAddress
- CreateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Create Dependent.Dependent.USAddress.Address1
- CreateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Create Dependent.Dependent.USAddress.Address2
- CreateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Create Dependent.Dependent.USAddress.City
- CreateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Create Dependent.Dependent.USAddress.State
- CreateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Create Dependent.Dependent.USAddress.PostalCode
- CreateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Create Dependent.Dependent.USAddress.ExplanationCode
- CreateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Create Dependent.Dependent.USAddress.Explanation
- CreateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Create Dependent.Dependent.MailingAddress.Address1
- CreateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Create Dependent.Dependent.MailingAddress.Address2
- CreateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Create Dependent.Dependent.MailingAddress.City
- CreateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Create Dependent.Dependent.MailingAddress.State
- CreateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Create Dependent.Dependent.MailingAddress.PostalCode
- CreateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Create Dependent.Dependent.MailingAddress.ExplanationCode
- CreateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Create Dependent.Dependent.MailingAddress.Explanation
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Dependent.Add.PhoneNumber
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Dependent.Add.USAddress
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Dependent.Add.USAddress.Address1
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Dependent.Add.USAddress.Address2
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Dependent.Add.USAddress.City
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Dependent.Add.USAddress.State
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Dependent.Add.USAddress.PostalCode
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Dependent.Add.USAddress.ExplanationCode
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Dependent.Add.USAddress.Explanation
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Dependent.Add.MailingAddress
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Dependent.Add.MailingAddress.Address1
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Dependent.Add.MailingAddress.Address2
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Dependent.Add.MailingAddress.City
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Dependent.Add.MailingAddress.State

- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Dependent.Add.MailingAddress.PostalCode
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Dependent.Add.MailingAddress.ExplanationCode
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Dependent.Add.MailingAddress.Explanation
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Dependent.Edit.PhoneNumber
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Dependent.Edit.USAddress
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Dependent.Edit.USAddress.Address1
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Dependent.Edit.USAddress.Address2
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Dependent.Edit.USAddress.City
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Dependent.Edit.USAddress.State
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Dependent.Edit.USAddress.PostalCode
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Dependent.Edit.USAddress.ExplanationCode
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Dependent.Edit.USAddress.Explanation
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Dependent.Edit.MailingAddress
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Dependent.Edit.MailingAddress.Address1
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Dependent.Edit.MailingAddress.Address2
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Dependent.Edit.MailingAddress.City
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Dependent.Edit.MailingAddress.State
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Dependent.Edit.MailingAddress.PostalCode
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Dependent.Edit.MailingAddress.ExplanationCode
- UpdateEV.ExchangeVisitor.Dependent.Edit.MailingAddress.Explanation

New EV Gender Code

This release will add a new gender code of “Other” for Exchange Visitors and their dependents. Reference Table 36, Gender Codes, in the Batch API and below for the new gender code and description.

Gender Codes

GENDER CODE	GENDER DESCRIPTION
M	MALE
F	FEMALE
U	OTHER

Amend The Program Begin Date

The sponsor official will have the ability to amend the Program Begin Date for an EV in Initial status. The Program Begin Date can be no more than 30 days in the past.

To accommodate this enhancement, the following current J Eligibility Processing Error Codes and Descriptions will be added.

J Eligibility Processing Error Codes – Amend The Program Begin Date

Code	Description
S2301	The Program Begin Date can be no more than 30 days prior to the current date
S2302	The Program End Date must be after the current date

J-2s For Au Pairs, Secondary School Students (SSS) or Summer Work Travel (SWT) Participants

When a sponsor official is creating or editing an EV with the category of Au Pair, SSS, or SWT they will be unable to enter data regarding dependents.

To accommodate this enhancement, the following current J Eligibility Processing Error Codes and Descriptions will be added.

J Eligibility Processing Error Code – J-2s For Au Pairs, Secondary School Students or SWT Participants

Code	Description
S2303	Spouse/dependents are not permitted if the category is {0}

Position and Subject/Field Code Selection for Secondary School Students (SSS) Participants

When a sponsor official is creating or editing an EV with the category of SSS only the position of 223 – Secondary School Student will only be allowed.

To accommodate this enhancement, the following current J Eligibility Processing Error Code and Description will be added.

J Eligibility Processing Error Code – Position and Subject/Field Code Selection for Secondary School Students (SSS) Participants

Code	Description
S2304	The only Position allowed for Secondary School Student is 223

Creating an EV with a Participant of Australia/New Zealand SWT Pilot

When a sponsor official is creating an EV with a select program associated to the Australia/New Zealand SWT Pilot, then the maximum duration will be 12 months. The duration between the Program Begin Date and the Program End Date must be between 3 weeks to 1 year. In addition,

when the sponsor official is editing an EV's biographical information then the country of citizenship can only be Australia or New Zealand.

To accommodate this enhancement, the following current J Eligibility Processing Error Codes and Descriptions will be added.

J Eligibility Processing Error Codes – Creating an EV with a Participant of Australia/New Zealand SWT Pilot

Code	Description
S2305	Australia or New Zealand are the only countries allowed for Country of Citizenship
S2307	The program duration must be between 3 weeks and 1 year

Maximum Duration of Participation for SWT

The maximum duration of participation for SWT is 1 year if the country of citizenship is Australia/New Zealand and for select programs.

Country of Citizenship for the Korea West Pilot

When a sponsor official is creating or editing an EV with a select program associated to the Korea West Pilot, then the only country of citizenship available will be Republic of Korea (South Korea).

To accommodate this enhancement, the following current J Eligibility Processing Error Code and Description will be added.

J Eligibility Processing Error Code – Creating an EV with a Participant of Australia/New Zealand SWT Pilot

Code	Description
S2306	Republic of Korea (South Korea) is the only Country of Citizenship allowed for this program

I-901 Payment Required to Validate an EV Record

Sponsor officials will be unable to validate an EV record if the I-901 fee has not been paid.