

# SEVP Conference Bulletin

## In The Know

### Designated School Officials: Keep SEVIS Data Accurate

Did you know that other U.S. government agencies, such as the U.S. Department of State, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services use the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS)?

They rely on accurate SEVIS data to ensure that only legitimate applicants enter the United States, so designated school officials must update student information in SEVIS. Designated school officials are an important link between F and M students and the U.S. government agencies involved in the F and M student process. Designated school officials must input students' information correctly and make the required updates in SEVIS based on changes to a student's status, like moving to a new address or choosing a different major.

It is also important for designated school officials to remember to update a school's Form I-17, "Petition for Approval of School for Attendance by Nonimmigrant Student." Regulations require designated school officials at SEVP-certified schools to report any field changes to the Form I-17. If a school's Form I-17 does not match its operating status, a designated school official must log into SEVIS and make the necessary updates.

Visit [Study in the States](http://StudyintheStates) for more information on keeping SEVIS data accurate.

## Contact Us

If you have any questions or are interested in having SEVP participate in your event, please submit your request to the SEVP Response Center. Recently attend an SEVP conference or participate in an online webinar? SEVP wants your feedback! Use the satisfaction survey form on *Study in the States* to give us feedback on our outreach events so we can continue to provide you with the best and most useful information.

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## NOTABLE EVENTS

### Study in the States Turns Two Years Old

September marks the second birthday of [Study in the States](http://StudyintheStates). The website launched in 2011 as part of a U.S. Department of Homeland Security



initiative to enhance our nation's economic, scientific and technological competitiveness. Since its launch, *Study in the States* has received more than 333,000 visitors from 218 countries and territories. The website offers resources for finding SEVP-certified schools and information for F and M students studying in the United States. *Study in the States* also features [webinars and conference materials](#) and invites stakeholders to provide their feedback on new draft guidance. Visit [Study in the States](http://StudyintheStates) to see how we're celebrating our second year.

### National Preparedness Month

Did you know that September is National Preparedness Month? Visit the [National Preparedness Month 2013 Toolkit](#) for resources and materials to promote National Preparedness Month at your school. Help your students be ready for emergencies by directing them to [Ready.gov](http://Ready.gov) and [Study in the States](http://StudyintheStates), where they can find links and helpful tips for emergency situations.