

To: All SEVIS Users

Date: June 24, 2016

Re: SEVIS NOTICE – SEVIS Alpha Testing Environment Upgrade to Release 6.27

Number: 1606-06

General Information

The Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) will upgrade the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Alpha Testing environment to apply the latest changes for SEVIS Release 6.27. On July 8, 2016, SEVP will apply the updates to the Production environment. Please note this date is tentative and subject to change.

Attached is the updated SEVIS Release 6.27 Anticipated System Changes notice. This notice contains highlights of the planned system changes for SEVIS Release 6.27. SEVIS Batch users, please note that SEVP will post an updated SEVIS Release 6.27 Batch System Changes document, updated Batch schema and updated Batch API (including the lookup tables) on SEVP's website on Monday, June 27, 2016.

The upgrades to the Alpha Testing environment will require an outage. See below for the outage details:

- The SEVIS Alpha Testing environment will NOT be available on Friday, June 24, 2016, from 1 to 5 p.m. EDT.

During the outage, users will not have access to the SEVIS Alpha Testing environment. Please note that SEVP will not send a follow-up email regarding system availability.

SEVP will continually update the SEVIS Alpha Testing environment while completing the development of additional functionality. Continue to monitor the SEVP broadcast messages and the SEVIS message board for additional information regarding updates to the SEVIS Alpha Testing environment.

We will send out information concerning the final system changes and the scheduled production outage before the official implementation date. If you have questions regarding any of the changes described in the attached notice or SEVIS Alpha Testing environment, please contact the SEVIS Technical Feedback Team at SEVISTechnicalFeedback@ice.dhs.gov. For any technical questions regarding the batch updates, please contact SEVIS Batch at SEVIS.Batch@ice.dhs.gov.

If you have questions regarding this outage, 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 holidays and Wednesdays from 12:50 to 1:20 p.m. ET.

Comments

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