SEVP Conference Bulletin

In The Know

Draft Guidance Update

In the coming months, the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) expects to release draft guidance documents addressing student absence for F and M students and annual vacation. These documents were previously posted on *Study in the States* for stakeholder comment and are being revised to incorporate applicable feedback.

Please note the previous Temporary Absence Draft Guidance has since been divided into two separate guidance documents for F and M students. This guidance is intended to further clarify discrepancies between F and M student procedures.

In addition to these draft guidance documents, SEVP will release interim final guidance on timely filing. This guidance explains changes in the required time for school officials to respond to notices from SEVP. These changes are part of the move to paperless administrative processes.

For additional information on upcoming and current draft guidance, visit the <u>SEVP Guidance for Comment page</u> on *Study in the States*.

NOTABLE EVENTS

NEW! SEVIS by the Numbers

The latest <u>SEVIS by the Numbers report</u> is available on *Study in the States*. This quarterly report uses data from the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) to highlight trends in the F and M student populations and the J exchange visitor population in the United States. This report also includes information about nonimmigrant students pursuing science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) courses of study.

SEVIS Enhancements Webinars

SEVP continues to host a series of free webinars on *Study in the States* to provide information on SEVIS enhancements to stakeholders.

On May 16, SEVP and the U.S. Department of State hosted a webinar to discuss enhancements to SEVIS naming and address standards. These enhancements will have batch implications and will apply to F and M students, J exchange visitors and dependents.

To view past webinars or register for an upcoming webinar, visit the <u>Stakeholder Webinars page</u> on *Study in the States*.

Contact Us

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