

SEVP Conference Bulletin

Back to School!

How DSOs Can Help Prepare Students for the New School Year

Each August, thousands of F-1, M-1 and J-1 international students and exchange visitors enter the United States to begin or return to a program of study. To ease a student's transition into academic life, designated school officials (DSOs) can remind their students of the following:

- What to expect at a U.S. port of entry
- When and what to communicate to a DSO
- How to maintain active student status
- Tips for academic and personal success

The Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) developed resources to assist international students during the back-to-school period, including [a blog series](#) on *Study in the States*. Additionally, SEVP and U.S. Customs and Border Protection, in partnership with the U.S. Department of State's EducationUSA, recently produced a one-hour "[Know Before You Go](#)" video as part of EducationUSA's Study in the USA webinar. More than 500 users in 57 countries viewed the webinar to learn about pre-departure expectations and requirements for U.S. study.

News and Announcements

SEVP Pens Monthly Blog Post for *U.S. News and World Report*

SEVP is now a monthly contributor to the "International Student Counsel" blog published by *U.S. News and World Report*. To kick off the back to school season, Director Louis Farrell wrote SEVP's inaugural post, "[Five Must Do Tasks for New International Students Headed to the US](#)." Future blog posts will highlight seasonal trends in international education, such as transferring schools and financial responsibilities of international students. To view this post and others, visit the [U.S. News and World Report](#) website.

NEW! *SEVIS by the Numbers* July Report

The latest [SEVIS by the Numbers Report](#) is available on *Study in the States*. The report provides a snapshot of international education statistics, including the number of international students in the United States, top places of origin and student demographics pulled from the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) database. This edition includes a special profile on international students from China studying in the United States.

Contact Us

If you have any questions or are interested in SEVP participating in your event, please submit your request to SEVPCommunications@ice.gov. Recently attended an SEVP conference or joined in an online webinar? SEVP wants your feedback! Fill out the Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey on *Study in the States* to give us feedback on our outreach events so we can provide you with the best and most useful information.

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