

# SEVP Conference Bulletin

## In The Know

### New Year Reminders

The Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) wishes you a good start to the new year and has prepared a few tips to help you navigate the latest SEVP announcements:

- **Fax server** – The fax server is no longer operating. School officials can respond to a request for evidence (RFE) only by submitting evidence through e-mail. Refer to your specific RFE for a complete set of instructions.
- **Accreditation Act** – The Accreditation of English Language Training Programs Act passed on Dec. 13, 2013. For an English as a second language school to be SEVP-certified, it first must have accreditation from an accrediting body recognized by the Secretary of the Department of Education. School officials can find more information on our *Study in the States* [blog](#).
- **Recertification** – Check your certification records; the second round of school recertification begins Feb. 14.

### Winter Weather Watch

To help F and M students prepare for the extreme weather, SEVP broadcasts [Ready.gov](#) and [Federal Emergency Management Agency](#) safety messages on Twitter ([@StudyinStates](#)). Stay tuned later this month for a “Prepare for Winter Weather” *Study in the States* blog post informing students where to go for more information and what to do if a weather emergency affects their school.

## 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.

### SEVP Response Center

703-603-3400 | [SEVP@dhs.gov](mailto:SEVP@dhs.gov)



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## NOTABLE EVENTS

### NEW! SEVP 101 Video

Do you have general questions about SEVP and the type of work we do? Before participating in one of SEVP's conferences or webinars, watch our newest outreach resource, “SEVP 101.” This short video navigates viewers through an overview of SEVP's coordination with other government partners and its role in the F and M student process. In less than five minutes, “SEVP 101” highlights key facts about the program and serves as an introduction or refresher on SEVP's work. We encourage stakeholders to share it with their colleagues. Watch it now on [Study in the States](#).



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