

# SEVIS Student Exchange Visitor Information System

The Final SEVIS F-1 Student Immigration Regulations  
Effective January 1, 2003

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## Brief History of Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

- On March 1, 2003, the immigration functions of the **INS** were transferred to three new bureaus within the **DHS**
  - **CIS.** US Citizenship and Immigration Services. Responsible for most services and applications.
  - **ICE.** US Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Responsible for investigations, detention, removal, and **SEVIS**.
  - **CBP.** US Customs and Border Protection. Responsible for immigration inspections as US ports of entry (POE), Border Patrol, and Customs.

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## Introduction – What is SEVIS?

- SEVIS is an electronic database that connects schools to the CIS, ICE, and CBP service centers, district offices, ports of entry and US Consular offices & Embassies via the internet.
- As of February 15, 2003 ALL schools in the United States **MUST** regularly send information through SEVIS about their international students using this database.
- This is called “**SEVIS Reporting**”

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## 21-Day Reporting

- Within 21 days of the occurrence of the following events:
  - Students' failure to maintain status
  - Change of student's or dependent's legal name or address
  - Graduation and/or Program Completion Date
  - Disciplinary action taken by the school against the student because the student has been convicted of a crime
  - Any other information at the request of the SEVIS

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## 30-Day Reporting

- Within 30 days after the program start date on your I-20:
  - Whether the student has enrolled, dropped below a full course of study without prior authorization, or failed to enroll
  - The current address of each enrolled student
  - The start date of the student's next semester

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