SEVP AND SEVIS

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What is SEVP?

The Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) is the reengineered nonimmigrant student and exchange visitor (F, M, & J visa categories) process, converting what is currently a manual procedure into an automated process. This change improves data collection and reporting, enhances customer service, facilitates compliance with regulations, and helps the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement better monitor school and exchange programs. This program was formerly referred to as the Coordinated Interagency Partnership Regulating International Students (CIPRIS). SEVIS was developed by the former INS in partnership with the Department of State Bureau of Consular Affairs, the Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (formerly the United States Information Agency), the Department of Education, and members of the educational and exchange program communities. Information obtained from this pilot system was incorporated into the national system development effort that resulted in the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS).

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SEVIS is an Internet-based system that maintains accurate and current information on non-immigrant students (F and M visa), exchange visitors (J visa), and their dependents (F-2, M-2, and J-2). SEVIS enables schools and program sponsors to transmit electronic information and event notifications via the Internet, to the ICE and Department of State (DOS) throughout a student or exchange visitor’s stay in the United States. The system will reflect international student or exchange visitor status changes, such as admission at Port of Entry (POE), change of address, change in program of study, and other details. SEVIS will also provide system alerts, event notifications, and basic reports to the end-user schools, programs, and Immigration related field offices.