



**The Student And Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS)
Privacy Impact Assessment**

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1. Introduction

Congress has mandated that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in consultation with the Departments of State (DoS) and Education, develop a national system to collect and maintain pertinent information on nonimmigrant students and exchange visitors, and the schools and exchange visitor sponsors that host these individuals in the United States.

To comply with Congressional mandates, DHS and, more particularly, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) within DHS, have created the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS). SEVIS maintains information on nonimmigrant students and exchange visitors (F, M and J Visas) and their dependents, and also on their associated schools and sponsors. In order to assess the privacy issues associated with the collection, maintenance and use of SEVIS, which includes necessary sharing with other agencies, the DHS Chief Privacy Officer directed that a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) be performed in accordance with the guidance issued by OMB on September 26, 2003, and that the PIA be periodically updated as necessary to reflect future changes.

2. System Overview

What is SEVIS:

SEVIS is an Internet-based system that allows DHS to collect, maintain and use accurate and current information on nonimmigrant students, their dependents, and the approved schools and designated United States sponsors that host nonimmigrant students.

SEVIS enables schools and sponsors to transmit information, via the Internet, to DHS, ICE, and DoS throughout a student or exchange visitor 's stay in the United States. SEVIS receives event notifications (electronic updates to SEVIS records on students and exchange visitors) and maintains up-to-date information about events involving nonimmigrant students and exchange visitors, such as visa issuance, admission at the Port-of-Entry (POE), registration at the school or validation of an exchange visitor's participation in their exchange program by the sponsor, changes of U. S. address, program extensions, employment notifications, and changes in program of study. SEVIS will also provide system alerts, event notifications, and reports to the end-user schools and sponsors.

SEVIS applies to F, J, and M nonimmigrants and their dependents only. F nonimmigrants are foreign students pursuing a full course of study in a college, university, seminary, conservatory, academic high school, private elementary school, other academic institution, or language training program in the United States that has been approved to enroll foreign students. J nonimmigrants are foreign nationals who have been selected by a sponsor designated by the DoS to participate in an exchange visitor program in the United States. M nonimmigrants are foreign students who are pursuing a full course of study in a vocational school or other recognized nonacademic institution in the United States that has been certified to enroll foreign students.

SEVIS also maintains information on each of the certified schools and designated sponsors and the SEVIS officials administering their programs. This information is used by DHS and DoS to monitor compliance with regulatory requirements. The schools and exchange visitor programs that participate in SEVIS include, but are not limited to, high schools, universities, two-year colleges, vocational training schools, flight schools, language schools, and public and private sector academic organizations. Exchange visitor sponsors can be involved in the following categories of programs: student (high school/college); trainee; teacher; professor; research scholar; short-term scholar; specialist; international visitor; alien physician; government visitor; au pair; camp counselor; and summer work/travel. DHS certifies the schools that are part of SEVIS, while DoS designates the exchange program sponsors.

What information is being collected:

Nonimmigrant Students and Exchange Visitors

In most cases, information about nonimmigrant students and exchange visitors is collected by a certified school or designated sponsor and entered by those entities directly into SEVIS. The information collected includes the nonimmigrant's name, country of birth, date of birth, country of citizenship, educational background, information on the education/program activity for which the individual is seeking admittance, and passport and visa information. A complete list of information collected and maintained in SEVIS on all nonimmigrant students, exchange visitors, and their dependents is listed in Appendix C.

Certified Schools and Designated Sponsors

Certified schools must provide specific information regarding the school, the nature and requirements of the educational program, location and contact information, and costs to attend. Designated sponsors must provide similar information regarding their exchange visitor programs. A full list of information collected from schools and sponsors is listed in Appendix C.

Why the information is being collected:

The information is being collected pursuant to statutory mandates. (Appendix A lists these authorities.) Collection allows DHS to have current information relating to

nonimmigrant foreign students and exchange visitors during the course of their stay in the United States. The information, which is required to be continuously updated, facilitates DHS oversight and enforcement activities concerning nonimmigrant students and exchange visitors.

What is the intended use of the information:

DHS, primarily the components of the Directorate for Border and Transportation Security and the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, uses the information collected and maintained by SEVIS to carry out portions of its national security, law enforcement, and immigration control functions. Through SEVIS, DHS can enhance enforcement capabilities by providing accurate and timely information to support informed decisions, data analysis and the identification of status violators. Specifically, SEVIS information enhances enforcement capability by:

- Ensuring the entry of legitimate, eligible F, M and J nonimmigrant students and exchange visitors,
- Providing DHS officers with easy access to real-time SEVIS data to support compliance and adjudicative efforts.
- Enhancing data analysis and intelligence collection for investigators and intelligence analysts.
- Enhancing the capability to identify document fraud and take appropriate actions.
- Facilitating the monitoring and periodic review of certified schools and designated exchange visitor program sponsors.

SEVIS information is also used by other agencies beyond DHS for functions related to nonimmigrants' presence in the United States. For example:

- SEVIS supports the visa process by providing officials at the DoS Bureau of Consular Affairs advance electronic data on nonimmigrant visa applicants prior to visa issuance and prior to a nonimmigrant's entry into the United States.
- SEVIS information supports the efforts of federal law enforcement partners of DHS, such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation within the Department of Justice, for enforcement, counter-terrorism and national security purposes.

Can individuals, schools or program sponsors decline to provide information, or consent to only particular uses of that information:

No. The admission into the United States of any F, M and J nonimmigrant is contingent upon submission of the required information. Anyone who does not provide the required information will not be able to obtain the appropriate visa from DoS. Additionally, schools and sponsors must submit the required institutional information in order to be

certified by DHS or designated by DoS to host F, M and J nonimmigrants. Only those institutions that have been certified or designated by the SEVIS Program may host nonimmigrant F, M and J students and exchange visitors.

3. Information Security, Sharing and Access:

With whom will the information be shared:

SEVIS interfaces and shares updated information with other systems that collect and maintain data on students and exchange visitors as they flow through various government processes. The following is a simplified representation of an F, M or J nonimmigrant's progression, and the systems that share information along the way;

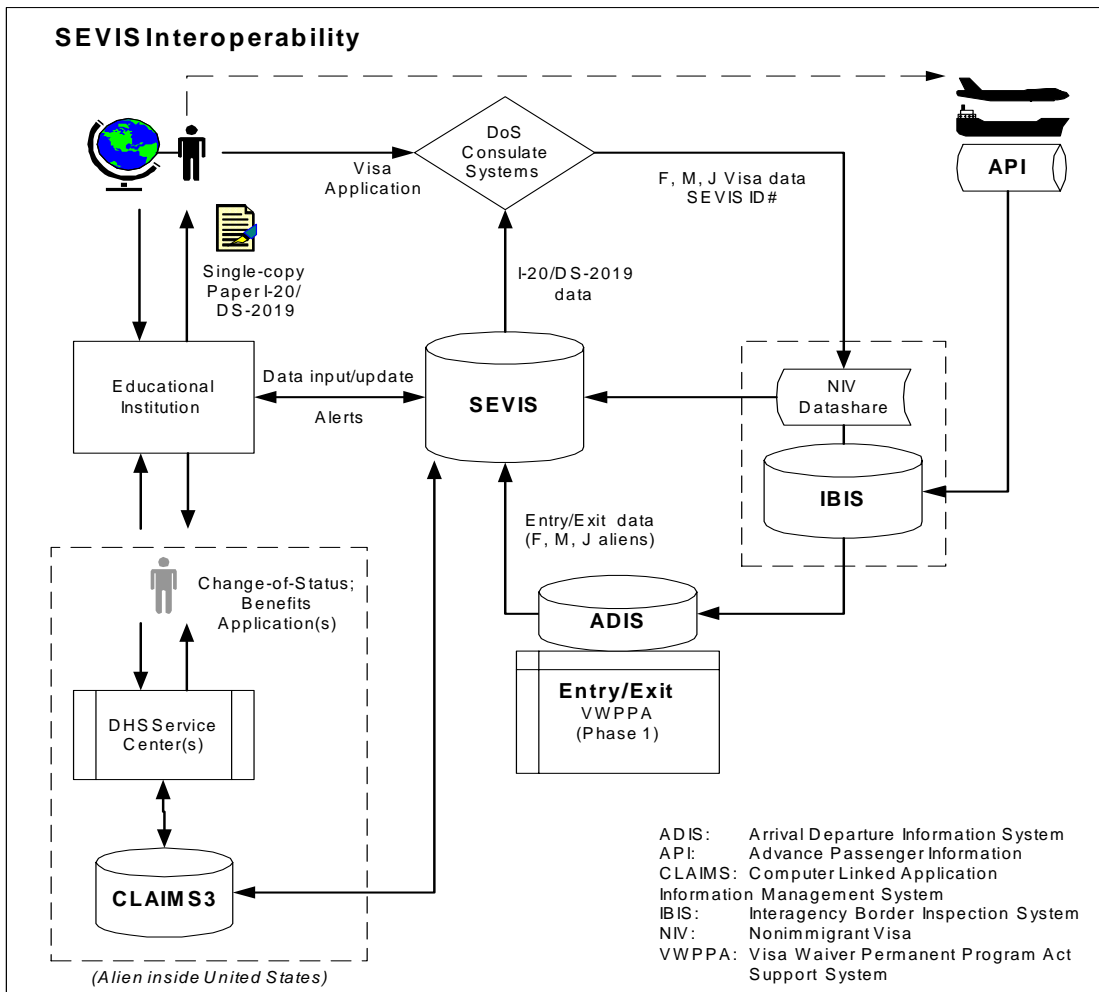
1. A SEVIS record is created on a prospective F, M or J nonimmigrant when he or she applies and is accepted by a school or sponsor to participate in a program.
2. Specific information on these nonimmigrant applicants is provided to the DoS Consular Consolidated Data system to support the visa issuance process. If approved, the nonimmigrant is granted an F, J or M visa.
3. When the nonimmigrant departs for the United States, his or her departure triggers additional sharing of information. The Interagency Border Inspection System (IBIS), under the auspices of Customs and Border Protection within DHS, receives information on the nonimmigrant from the DoS Office of Consular Affairs, as well as advance passenger information (API) from carriers. IBIS then passes this information to two other DHS systems: Arrival and Departure Information System (ADIS) and SEVIS.
4. CBP officials have access to SEVIS information on a nonimmigrant when he or she enters through a port of entry (POE), to assist CBP in the admission process. Entry information is recorded in the ADIS system, which then passes the updated information to SEVIS.
5. The nonimmigrant reports to his or her respective school or sponsor and begins participation in the program. At that point the school or sponsor activates that individual's record in SEVIS by noting that the individual has commenced the program. During the nonimmigrant's stay in the United States, the school or sponsor constantly updates the SEVIS record. If the nonimmigrant falls out of status for any reason, that information is made available to the Compliance Enforcement Unit within ICE in support of investigative action. If the nonimmigrant is eligible for and requests (among other things) reinstatement, a change of status, or employment (i.e. Optional Practical Training or OPT) the approval or denial of that application is recorded in another DHS system, the Computer Linked Applications Information Management System (CLAIMS 3) and passed to SEVIS to update the individual's record.
6. When a nonimmigrant completes participation in his or her program, the nonimmigrant is required to leave the United States. SEVIS is updated to indicate program completed. The nonimmigrant's exit information is recorded in the ADIS system.

Additionally, SEVIS provides information to the (US-VISIT) system on students, exchange visitors, and dependents that are no longer eligible to remain in the United States under the student and exchange visitor category. SEVIS receives a log file from US-VISIT as feedback on the data sharing process, which contains statistical information from processing the SEVIS data.

The DHS Password Issuance Control System (PICS) interfaces with SEVIS to update identification/user role information on “authorized” users of the system. This system also provides updates to SEVIS when a user has been removed from the authorized user list. Additionally, SEVIS interfaces with the DHS I-901 fee payment processing system and with the DoS Consolidated Consular Database (CCD) in order to validate individual payments. This interface uses the SEVIS ID and last name, or SEVIS ID and date of birth to match the I-901 record with the SEVIS record.

The diagram below depicts the system architecture with respect to the current interfaces with other systems, and illustrates the flow of information and the connections and relationships between SEVIS and external systems.

Note: Appendix C lists the specific nonimmigrant, school and sponsor data that is captured by the system and its associated interfaces.



Who will have access to the data:

The following government agencies have direct access to SEVIS data:

- DHS - ICE, CIS, and CBP
- DoS - Office of Exchange Coordination and Designation, Office of Consular Affairs
- DOJ -FBI

The following non-government entities have direct access to appropriate portions of SEVIS data:

- Schools that have been certified by DHS to use SEVIS and create/update the records of F&M visa holders

- Sponsors that have been designated by DoS to use SEVIS and create/update the records of J visa holders

Non-government users of SEVIS information include Principal Designated School Officials (PDSOs) and Designated School Officials (DSOs) at DHS-certified educational institutions, and Responsible Officers (ROs), and Alternate Responsible Officers (AROs) of DoS-designated exchange visitor program sponsors. PDSOs, DSO and ROs are the individuals responsible for entering nonimmigrant data into SEVIS, and for updating that data as required.

How will data quality be maintained

Information is checked for accuracy at multiple stages throughout the life cycle of the data. Each school and sponsor that is entered into the system undergoes a thorough approval process to ensure that the entity is identified correctly and the information supplied on the institution is accurate. The schools and sponsors enter student, exchange visitor and dependent data. This information is then printed out on either Form I-20 (for F & M) or Form DS-2019 (for J). If any information on this form is inaccurate, the errors may be identified by the student/ exchange visitor himself/herself upon receiving the form, at the DoS Consular office where the individual applies for a visa, at the POE when entering the country, or at the school/sponsor itself during registration and attendance. In addition, information received through electronic interfaces from other DHS and DoS systems is monitored on a daily basis. A dedicated production support team within DHS monitors the interfaces and reports on any errors encountered, including discrepancies in the data. If the data is not consistent with the information already in SEVIS, the record is rejected, the data is documented in an interface error log, and the error log is made available to the other DHS and DoS systems.

Specific data that has been identified as erroneous can be corrected by a process called "data fix". A data fix can only be registered with DHS by the school or sponsor. Data fix requests are registered with the SEVIS help desk and given a help desk ticket number, which is used to track the case through resolution. After a comprehensive review of the alleged error and other actions related to the data fix, the request is either denied or the record is corrected to reflect the proper information. This review adds a level of control, or quality assurance, to the process in place. Only specifically designated system administrators at DHS can perform "data fixes." Prior to applying the update to a record, each "data fix" request must be reviewed and approved by DHS (The SEVIS Program for F & M records) or DoS (Office of Exchange Coordination and Designation for J records).

Individuals accepted for participation by multiple schools and sponsors have multiple SEVIS ID numbers/records. To ensure accuracy of data, however, SEVIS automatically performs nightly maintenance that cancels unused SEVIS IDs/records, when certain pre-set conditions are met. Eventually this leaves only one valid and current ID/record for the individual.

How will System/data security be maintained

DHS appreciates the sensitivity of the personal data supplied by individuals, regardless of their nonimmigrant status, and applies safeguards to this information to protect it from unauthorized access.

Physical Security: SEVIS is physically housed in a Government-secured facility located in Rockville, Maryland and at a contingency site in Dallas, Texas. Web and application servers for the DHS Web Services reside in the Justice Online Information Network at JDC-W. Access to the Web Services infrastructure is from the public Internet through equipment maintained by the Department of Justice (DoJ), and from the ICE Intranet, through servers, routers, switches, and firewalls, some maintained by DoJ and some maintained by DHS network staff.

Data Security: SEVIS is managed at a single data center, but operates under two separate environments—the DHS Web Services in the DoJ eGov area for Internet connectivity and the DHS Intranet Web cluster on the application servers. All DHS users access SEVIS via the Intranet. DoS users may access via the Internet. Non-Government users access SEVIS through an Internet connection. Access to the SEVIS batch interface from an authorized school or sponsor requires that the school/sponsor has obtained and submitted to SEVIS a digital certificate from VeriSign. All Internet sessions are available only through an encrypted session.

SEVIS has been granted an Interim Authority to Operate under the Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA). All systems are required to undergo system security certification and accreditation (C&A); SEVIS currently has been granted an Interim Authority to Operate until April 15, 2005, based on the last approved C&A in October 15, 2004. SEVIS is currently in the process of pursuing a full C&A based on Release 4.14, which was released January 2005. The full C&A provides that SEVIS is meeting those DHS current system security requirements that are within the scope of SEVIS.¹ Additionally, the system undergoes constant review by the Computer and Telecommunications Security group within DHS. This group participates in regularly scheduled release meetings in order to stay abreast of upcoming changes related to system security. Any time a change involving system security is made to the system, the effects are noted in relevant security documents. This process includes a risk assessment, as well as a security test and evaluation process. The findings of each are provided in a security report document.

Secure Identification/Password Access and Monitoring: PICS provides SEVIS user identifications (IDs) for all DHS and DoS approved users. Once approved, users are prompted to create their own unique password in order to obtain access. User IDs & passwords are recorded and monitored by PICS. A SEVIS user has to go through an authentication process using his or her specific ID and password, before retrieving data from the system. ID and password inactivity for a period of 30 days or more will

¹ There are some requirements that will necessitate a global solution from DHS for all IT systems and which cannot be implemented at this time.

automatically lock a user out of the system and require a reset of the password by PICS, before access can be regained. Additionally, three unsuccessful attempts to access the system with an incorrect combination of ID and password will also lock a user out of the System.

SEVIS records and maintains information on session activity (user ID, log on time, duration of session, log off time, etc.) each time a user accesses the system. Additionally, SEVIS maintains a record of all changes that a user makes to the data in the system. These features provide an audit trail of all user actions, which can be utilized to monitor and analyze user activity for compliance. These features also provide a means to ensure data integrity.

Risk Mitigation: DHS recognizes the privacy risks associated with allowing non-government access to a government system. However, SEVIS was specifically designed to be accessed by non-government users (schools and sponsors) so they could create the students' and exchange visitors' records and keep them up to date in the database. The measures and processes put in place for school certification, sponsor designation, and ID/password issuance offset and minimize this privacy risk.

Information Retention and Destruction:

In accordance with the provisions of 44 U.S.C. 3303a, SEVIS records are retained and disposed of according to Disposition Schedule N1-563-04-1, approved by the Archivist of the United States on February 11, 2004.

Specifically, there are three types of data files that are retained for SEVIS:

1. The batch data temporary files (containing student records) are retained for a period not to exceed 1 year. These files are held temporarily on a server within the DoS data center and electronically purged.
2. Beta test files are retained for 60 days on-line and electronically purged.
3. Student/ exchange visitor data files residing in SEVIS proper are backed-up daily and retained/archived for 75 years.

Outputs (data sets pulled from the database for specific uses) are destroyed when no longer needed for agency business.

For historical purposes, and because specific immigration law enforcement or benefit case file research can span decades DHS/ICE maintains student/exchange visitor data files in accordance with the above disposition schedule for their entire 75-year retention period. If the data becomes too large it will be copied onto electronic media and stored at the DOJ Data Center in Rockville, MD or Dallas, TX. At the end of the retention period, files are electronically expunged from file servers and Compact Disks (CDs) through a method called degaussing, which is a means of erasing magnetic media and removing the remnants of previously recorded signals. The degauss process is achieved by passing magnetic media through a magnet field more powerful than the media itself in order to rearrange the magnetic particles.

4. Redress:

Individuals: Students and exchange visitors can view their own personal information contained in SEVIS at any time simply by contacting the applicable school official or sponsor. In fact, it is essential for SEVIS data integrity that individuals continuously interact with school and program officials to ensure that the information in SEVIS remains current. Corrections to portions of the personal information on nonimmigrants in SEVIS can be supplied to the respective DSO/RO, who will update the record in SEVIS. However, only DHS headquarters personnel can update certain portions of the record via a data fix (described previously), such as changing a “terminated” record back to “active”. Host families can continuously update the information in SEVIS relating to them through the nonimmigrant they are hosting, or by contacting the DSO/RO at the nonimmigrant’s school or sponsor. Additionally, nonimmigrant students can file for “reinstatement” of their status, if they feel that their record was terminated incorrectly, or if they have mitigating information affecting their status. Reinstatements are filed with the appropriate USCIS District Office. Exchange visitors do not have the option of applying for reinstatement.

Institutions: Corrections to information on schools or sponsors can be submitted to DHS/DoS via an updated certification/designation petition from the school or sponsor. DHS will review the request and update the record in SEVIS as appropriate.

5. Applicable System of Records Notice (SORN):

Because SEVIS maintains and uses information about nonimmigrants whose status may change, and includes historical records on former F, M and J nonimmigrants, and because SEVIS maintains information on the sponsors for nonimmigrant students, SEVIS has created its own system of records. This decision reflects the DHS policy to apply robust privacy protections to all individuals and is consistent with guidance issued by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) encouraging agencies that maintain record systems containing commingled information about citizens and aliens "to treat such systems as if they were, in their entirety, subject to the Act." OMB, Privacy Act Implementation: Guidance and Responsibilities, 40 Fed. Reg. 28948, 28951 (July 9, 1975). A Privacy Act notice for this system is being published contemporaneously with this PIA.

6. Summary and Conclusions

SEVIS collects personal information on nonimmigrant students, exchange visitors (F, M, and J visas), and certain USCIs and LPRs, and shares it internally and externally with agencies that have a need for the information in the performance of their duties. In operating this system, SEVIS program managers are mindful of the privacy concerns surrounding the information that is collected and have taken steps to ensure that any privacy risks are mitigated to the extent possible.

Because the data is obtained in the first instance from nonimmigrant students and exchange visitors and is updated based on information they provide to their schools and sponsors, data integrity is enhanced and the likelihood of an incorrect determination being made is substantially reduced. Once obtained, moreover, the SEVIS Program takes steps to ensure that the data is shared in strict conformity with memoranda of understanding detailing privacy and security requirements.

7. Contact Information

The SEVIS Program is committed to a continuous process of improvement. Please contact us with your comments, concerns, or suggestions:

- By mail: SEVIS Program 800 K Street, NW, Suite 1000, Washington, D.C. 20536
- By email: SEVIS.Source@dhs.gov
- By phone: 202-305-2346
- By fax: 202-353-3723

Appendix A: List of References

1 Statutory Authority

1.1 Statutory Authorities for Protection of Information and of Information Systems

5 U.S.C. § 552, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) of 1966, As Amended
5 U.S.C. § 552a, Privacy Act of 1974, As Amended
Public Law 100-503, Computer Matching and Privacy Act of 1988
Public Law 107-347, E-Government Act of 2002, Section 208, Privacy Provisions, and Title III, Information Security (Federal Information Systems Management Act (FISMA))

1.2 Statutory Authorities for SEVP/SEVIS

Public Law 104-208, Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996
Public Law 106-215, The Immigration and Naturalization Service Data Management Improvement Act of 2000 (DMIA)
Public Law 106-396, The Visa Waiver Permanent Program Act of 2000 (VWPPA)
Public Law 107-56, The U.S.A. PATRIOT Act
Public Law 107-173, Enhanced Border Security and Visa Entry Reform Act of 2002 (“Border Security Act”)

1.3 Other Supporting Documentation and Guidance

Arrival Departure Information System Data Elements Document (Sensitive but Unclassified) (Draft), November 10, 2003.
DHS/ICE Baseline Security Requirements for Automated Information Systems, July 18, 2003.
ICE Security Requirements, printed October 30, 2003.
Interagency Border Inspection System (IBIS) Security Features User Guide, Official Use Only, October 2, 2003.
IT Security Program Handbook, Version 1.3, Sensitive Systems, Department of Homeland Security, ID-4300A, June 20, 2003.
Security Evaluation Report (SER) for the Automated Biometric Identification System (IDENT), SMI-0039-SID-214-RG-40391, March 10, 2003.
Security Evaluation Report (SER) for the Visa Waiver Permanent Program Act Support System Arrival Departure Information System (VWPPASS/ADIS), SMI-0039-SI-214-DTR-50446, October 8, 2003.
System of Records Notice for Arrival and Departure Information System (ADIS), DHS/ICE-CBP-001, 68 FR 69412 (Dec. 12, 2003).
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System of Records Notice for Nonimmigrant Information System (NIIS), JUSTICE/INS-036, 68 FR 5048 (Jan. 31, 2003).
Federal Trade Commission, Privacy Online: A Report to Congress, June, 1998.

OMB Guidance for Implementing the Privacy Provisions of the E-Government Act of 2002,
Memorandum M-03-22, September 26, 2003.
Risk Management Guide for Information Technology Systems, NIST Special Publication
800-30, January 2002.

Appendix B: List of Acronyms

ADIS	Arrival Departure Information System
ARO	Alternate Responsible Officer
API	Advance Passenger Information
APIS	Advance Passenger Information System
BTS	Border and Transportation Security
CBP	Customs and Border Protection
CEU	Compliance Enforcement Unit
CIS	Citizenship and Immigration Services
CLAIMS 3	Computer Linked Applications Information Management System
CCD	Consular Consolidated Database
CPT	Curriculum Practical Training
CRU	Case Resolution Unit
DHS	Department of Homeland Security
DO	District Office
DOB	Date of Birth
DoJ	Department of Justice
DoS	Department of State
DSO	Designated School Official
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FTP	File Transfer Protocol
HQ	Headquarters
IBIS	Interagency Border Inspection System
ICE	Immigration and Customs Enforcement
ID	Identifier
IIRIRA	Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act
INA	Immigration and Nationality Act
JDC-W	Justice Data Center Washington
LPR	Lawful Permanent Resident
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NIIS	Nonimmigrant Information System
NIV	Nonimmigrant Visa
NTE	Not to Exceed
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OPT	Optional Practical Training
PA	Privacy Act
PDSO	Principal Designated School Official
PICS	Password Issuance Control System
PIA	Privacy Impact Assessment
Pub. L.	Public Law
POE	Port of Entry
RO	Responsible Officer
RTI	Real-Time Interface

SBU	Sensitive But Unclassified
SEVIS	Student and Exchange Visitor Information System
SEVP	Student and Exchange Visitor Program
SORN	System of Records Notice
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSN	Social Security Number
U.S.	United States
USA PATRIOT ACT	Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Interrupt and Obstruct Terrorism Act
US-VISIT	United States Visitor Immigrant Status Indicator Technology

Appendix C: SEVIS Data Sources, Fields and Interfaces

Student Data (F & M visas; Form I-20)

- Family Name
- First Name
- Middle Name
- Suffix
- Country of Birth
- Date of Birth
- Gender
- Country of Citizenship
- Certificate issued for reason
- Level of education (text if other level of education)
- Major
- Secondary major and a minor
- Program start and end date
- Normal length of study
- English proficiency required indication
- Students average cost for tuition and fees
- Living expenses
- Expenses of dependents (if dependents are listed)
- Total and number of months in academic term
- Estimate of number of months in academic term
- Students personal funds
- Foreign address
- Funds from this school and Funds from another source.
- Additional On-campus employment
- Remarks text
- U.S. address or commuter student indicator (required for continuing students)
- Driver's license number and issue state
- Social Security Number
- Individual Taxpayer Identification Number
- Current session end date
- Next session start date
- SEVIS status
- CPT employment
- OPT Employment
- Off campus employment
- Extension request

- Transfer information
- Class of Admission
- Registration information
- Registration remark
- Passport Number
- Passport Issuing country
- Passport Expiration date
- Visa Number
- Post/Country of Visa Issuance
- Visa Expiration date
- I-94/Admission Number
- Port of Entry
- Date of Entry
- Re-print reason for I-20
- Drop bellow full course information
- Authorization reason
- Authorization start date
- Authorization end date
- Authorization remark
- Change of education level information
- Program completion information
- Disciplinary action information
- If convicted of crime or not
- Program extension request
- Shortening of the program information
- Reinstatement information
- SEVIS Status
- Termination information
- Transfer information
- Employment type
- Employment start date
- Employment end date
- Employer name
- Employer address
- Full time/Part time Employment
- How/Why employment is related to curriculum
- Employment remark
- Recommended for authorized employment
- Off campus employment type

Exchange Visitors Data: (J visa; Form DS 2019)

- Family Name

- First Name
- Middle Name
- Suffix
- Country of Birth
- City of Birth
- Date of Birth
- Gender
- Country of Citizenship
- Program start and end date
- SEVIS status
- Country of legal permanent resident
- Exchange Visitor category
- Subject/field description
- Subject/Field remarks
- Creation reason
- Name and address of site of activity
- Funding information
- Change of category request information
- Correct minor or technical infraction request information
- Program end information
- Completion reason
- Completion date
- Completion remark
- Extension beyond the maximum duration of participation request information
- Extension within the maximum duration of participation request information
- Reprint reason for DS-2019 form
- Termination information
- Total estimated financial support
- Indicator for receiving funding for international exchange from U.S. Government
- Financial organization name and support amount
- Personal funds
- Transfer Information

Dependent data:

- Family name
- First Name
- Middle Name
- Suffix
- Date of birth
- City of birth
- Country of birth
- Country of legal permanent residence
- Country of Citizenship

- Gender
- Relationship
- Remarks
- SEVIS Status

School Data: (Form I-17)

- Name of school
- Mailing address of school
- Phone number
- Public/Private school type indicator
- Education school is engaged in
- School's sessions are based on
- Registration begin date(s) - up to 20
- Date school was established
- Location of school
- Mailing address of campus
- Name and address of owner
- Purpose of Petition
- Authorization under which school operates
- Association or agency that approved school
- Nature of subject matter taught
- Degrees available
- School is engaged in
- Sessions are held
- Requirements for admission
- Courses of study and time necessary to complete each
- Requirements for graduation
- Causes for expulsion
- Average annual number of students
- Approximate annual total cost
- Role
- For each school official: name; title; address; phone number, e-mail address; citizenship (U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident (LPR))
- A-Number
- Campus name
- Campus address
- Location
- Mailing address of the school
- Creation date
- Update date
- Last updated by user

Sponsor Data: (Forms DS-3026 and 3037)

- Name of sponsoring organization
- Business Address Line 1 of sponsoring organization
- Business Address Line 2 of sponsoring organization
- Business city of sponsoring organization
- Business state of sponsoring organization
- Business zip code +4 of sponsoring organization
- First name of the responsible officer
- Last name of the responsible officer
- Title of responsible officer
- Telephone number of responsible officer
- Type of application
- Existing program number if type is Currently Designated Sponsor (is being removed in release 4.14)
- Number of DS-2019 submitted
- Number of DS-2019 allowed
- At least one category along with its number of participants and corresponding duration
- The method of selection and arrangements for financial support of exchange visitor while in the U.S.
- Purpose or objective
- Outline of proposed activities
- Arrangements for supervision
- Role of other organizations associated with program
- First name of chief executive officer or equivalent
- Last name of chief executive officer or equivalent
- Title of officer
- Name of authorizing body
- Question if officer is U.S. citizen or LPR
- A-Number (if officer is an LPR)
- Question if officer is already participating in SEVIS
- User ID of officer
- Officer's e-mail address
- Questions regarding the program
- Mailing Address Line 1 of organization
- Mailing Address Line 2 of organization
- Mailing city of organization
- Mailing state of organization
- Mailing zip code +4 of organization
- Middle name of the responsible officer
- Suffix of the responsible officer
- Fax number of responsible officer
- First name of alternate responsible officer
- Middle name of alternate responsible officer

- Last name of alternate responsible officer
- Suffix of alternate responsible officer
- Telephone number of alternate responsible officer
- Fax number of alternate responsible officer
- The number of secondary students participating
- The duration of participation of secondary students
- The number of college/university students participating
- The duration of participation of college/university students
- The number of trainee – specialty category participating
- The duration of participation of trainee – specialty category
- The number of trainee – non-specialty category participating
- The duration of participation of trainee – non-specialty category
- The number of teachers participating
- The duration of teachers
- The number of professors participating
- The duration of participation of professors
- The number of international visitors participating
- The duration of participation of international visitors
- The number of alien physicians participating
- The duration of participation of alien physicians
- The number of government visitors participating
- The duration of participation of government visitors
- The number of research scholars participating
- The duration of participation of research scholars
- The number of short-term scholars participating
- The duration of participation of short-term scholars
- The number of specialists participating
- The duration of participation of specialists
- The number of camp counselors participating
- The duration of participation of camp counselors
- The number of summer work/travel participants
- The duration of participation of summer work/travel
- The number of au pairs participating
- The duration of participation of au pairs
- Middle name of chief executive officer or equivalent
- Suffix name of chief executive officer or equivalent
- Mailing address

Sources of SEVIS information:

- Officials at certified schools
- Sponsor officials at designated programs
- DHS users
- DoS users