

SEVIS Release 6.1 Anticipated System Changes

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The following summarizes the anticipated system changes to SEVIS with Release 6.1.

SEVIS Batch

There are no changes to SEVIS Batch in Release 6.1; therefore, no updates to the batch schema will be required.

SEVIS Real Time Interactive – All Users

System Timeout Alert

After 18 minutes of inactivity, a message will display indicating the user's session is about to expire. The user must click **OK** to continue working in SEVIS. If **OK** is clicked after 20 minutes of inactivity, a message will display indicating that the session has expired. Any unsaved data will be lost.

SEVIS Real Time Interactive – F/M School Users

Student Event History Corrections

School officials are currently able to view the history of events for any student/dependent that is currently or was previously associated with the official's school/campus. This release will correct event history display issues associated with certain events.

Inactive User Email

After a PDSO or DSO has not logged into SEVIS in 75 days, the system will send an email to all assigned users at the school/campus to which the user is associated. The email will provide the name of the user whose status will be changed to Inactive in 15 days.

PDSO Ability to Request Password Reset for DSOs

A DSO who is Inactive because he/she has not logged into SEVIS in 90 days, will require the PDSO associated with their school/campus to request a password reset on behalf of the DSO in order to regain access to SEVIS. A DSO who is Inactive will not be able to reset his/her password using the Request Password Reset link on the SEVIS Login screen.

New Alert for PDSO/DSO Users

A new alert for PDSOs and DSOs will be created that will include all PDSO/DSO users assigned to their campus whose status will be changed to Inactive in 15 days. The users will display on the alert after 75 days of inactivity.

SEVIS Real Time Interactive – J Program Sponsor Users

Annual Report

SEVIS will be modified to alleviate the timeout problems when sponsors generate an Annual Report. Users will select only the year for the report, and the report will be generated based on the program's reporting cycle (i.e., Academic, Calendar or Fiscal). Also, the Annual Report will be corrected to print the correct name at the bottom of the report.

EV Event History

Program officials are able to view the history of events for any EV/dependent that is currently or was previously associated with the official's program. This release will correct event history display issues with:

- Change of Status - The change of status event will be listed in the exchange visitor's event history.
- Reinstatement - When an exchange visitor's change of category or reinstatement request is approved, the event will be listed in the dependent's event history.

Inactive User Email

After an RO or ARO has not logged into SEVIS in 75 days, the system will send an email to all assigned users at the program to which the user is associated. The email will provide the name of the user whose status will be changed to Inactive in 15 days.

RO Ability to Request Password Reset for AROs

An ARO who is Inactive because he/she has not logged into SEVIS in 90 days, will require the RO associated with their program to request a password reset on behalf of the ARO in order to regain access to SEVIS. An ARO who is Inactive will not be able to reset his/her password using the Request Password Reset link on the SEVIS Login screen.

New Alert for RO/ARO Users

A new alert for RO and ARO users will be created that will include all RO/ARO users assigned to their program whose status will be changed to Inactive in 15 days. The users will display on the alert after 75 days of inactivity.

Updating Fields

The RO and ARO will be able to update the following fields from the Program Information screen when their program is in Active status:

- First name of chief executive officer or equivalent
- Last name of chief executive officer or equivalent
- Middle name of chief executive officer or equivalent
- Suffix name of chief executive officer or equivalent
- Title of officer (i.e., CEO, President)

User Manuals, Online Help, and Tutorials

The SEVIS Online Help and user manuals for school and program sponsor users will be updated as necessary to reflect the changes implemented into SEVIS Release 6.1.