SEVIS Release 6.49 Anticipated System Changes

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The following summarizes the anticipated system changes to SEVIS with Release 6.49.

F/M School Officials

Validation Error – Matched Active School or Sponsor Official

In an effort to become person centric, SEVIS will prompt a validation error when an official attempts to add a new official appears to match an active SEVIS user, either a sponsor or school official. The school official will have the ability to either add the user as a new official or to use the add existing user function.

Example of the Validation Error for adding an official

Ability to Upload the Form I-983, Training Plan for STEM OPT Students

School officials will have the ability to upload the completed Form I-983, Training Plan for STEM OPT Students, from the student’s Optional Practical Training (OPT) Employment page. From the Upload Form I-983 screen the school official may upload the form when recommending a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM OPT) extension, adding a new STEM OPT employer information, reporting receipt of the student’s 12-month self-evaluation, or reporting receipt of the student’s 24-month or final self-evaluation. If the student has more than one STEM OPT employer, do not combine the separate Form I-983s into one document, these documents must be uploaded separately. The following document extensions maybe uploaded: pdf, xls, xlsx, doc, docx, jpg, jpeg, png, gif, txt, and csv. The document size limit is 10 MB
Example of the Upload Form I-983 Screen

Upload Form I-983
Required fields are marked with an asterisk (*).
* Information icon denotes help about the page.
Question mark icon denotes information about the field.
Plus icon indicates that the field can be expanded to display additional data.
Minus icon indicates that the field can be collapsed to display condensed data.

You can now upload evidence to support your STEM Extension.

J Sponsor Officials

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Example of the Validation Error for adding an official

User Manuals

SEVP will no longer update the User Manuals for school officials. Refer to the SEVIS Help Hub to reflect the changes implemented with SEVIS Release 6.49. For SEVIS User Manuals for EV Program Sponsors, refer to the SEVIS Manuals page of the Exchange Visitor Program website.