

To: All Batch Users

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Re: New Location for SEVIS Batch Schema XML Files

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General Information

For years, the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) posted the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) batch schemas on the ICE.gov website. This has allowed users to validate their batch files against the schemas without needing both a Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) and a digital client certificate. After SEVIS Release 6.27, some batch schools were unable to process their batch jobs because the batch schema XML files were not posted on ICE.gov in a timely way.

To avoid similar problems in the future, batch users can also reference the schemas at the following locations:

- <https://egov.ice.gov/sevis/XMLSchema/Create-UpdateStudent.xsd>
- <https://egov.ice.gov/sevis/XMLSchema/Create-UpdateExchangeVisitor.xsd>

These schemas are inside the SEVIS real-time interface application and are identical copies to those in the batch application. To access these schemas, your batch software must be able to establish an SSL connection in the same manner when uploading or downloading batch files. SEVIS will accept files validated against these schemas, when uploaded through the batch application.

Technical Note

Schemas for all three SEVIS environments (Production, Alpha, and Beta) can be accessed in the same manner; however, it should be noted that the XML namespaces will remain identical to the Production environment. Based on the environment the user is in, the batch software should know which version to access and use for the correct corresponding adjunct schemas.

To give batch vendors, schools and sponsors time to transition to the new location, SEVP will continue to post the batch schema XML files on ICE.gov until 2017. SEVP will notify the batch community of the date when the schema will no longer be posted on ICE.gov.

To report any problems with SEVIS functionality, please email SEVISTechnicalFeedback@ice.dhs.gov. For any problems that are batch related, please email SEVIS.Batch@ice.dhs.gov.

Comments

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