

Broadcast Message: Impact of Hurricane Idalia on School Operations

To: PDSOs and DSOs at SEVP-certified schools in coastal Florida and Georgia

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General Information

Due to the forecasted impact of Hurricane Idalia on certain regions of the southeastern United States, Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP)-certified schools in affected coastal counties of Florida and Georgia may implement alternative operational plans, including online or distance education, to continue providing education for the duration of the emergency.

SEVP understands that classes may need to be canceled or provided remotely as a result of Hurricane Idalia. However, schools must return to normal operations once the state of emergency is lifted in their locality. If needed, SEVP will send an additional Broadcast Message after the natural disaster to assess the impact of Hurricane Idalia on impacted areas.

Stakeholders can contact the SEVP Response Center (SRC) via phone at 703-603-3400 or 1-800-892-4829 or via email at SEVP@ice.dhs.gov. The SRC is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET, except for federal holidays. Additional emergency preparedness resource resources are also available on [Study in the States](#) and [ICE.gov/SEVP](https://ice.dhs.gov/SEVP). You can also contact your assigned SEVP field representative with any questions or information about your school's operations.

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