



Maintaining F1 Status

F1 student is admitted to the United States in F-1 status for a period known as “duration of status” (D/S). It is extremely important for a nonimmigrant to maintain his/her status while in the United States. Failure to maintain the terms and conditions of nonimmigrant status is a ground for removal from the United States (deportation) under I.N.A.

To maintain F-1 status, a student must:

- Report to the school office for Initial Registration. The school will contact the Diocese of Davenport that you have arrived. When registering at the school you need to provide all paperwork that is requested and the school will send proper papers to the Diocese of Davenport.
- For the first entry for initial school attendance, the school listed on the visa and on the I-20 must be the same, and that is the school the student must intend to attend.
- Pursue a “full course of study” at the school listed on the currently valid Form I-20 during every academic session or semester except during official school breaks, or unless approved under a specific exception, in advance, by PDSO trujillo@davenportdiocese.org.
- Maintaining a C or above in grades.
- Make normal progress towards completing the course of study, by completing studies before the expiration of the program completion date on Form I-20.
- Keep Form I-20 valid by following paper procedures for transfer of schools. If wanting to transfer to another school, Virginia Trujillo needs to be contacted immediately with the school name, location and phone number. Our office will need to transfer out the student and the new school will do a transfer in process to make sure the student is followed in SEVIS correctly. An Intent to Transfer form is required. If this is not followed completely, it could result in deportation by BCIS. A check for \$100 and Transfer form need to be submitted before a transfer will take place.
- Abide by the F-1 grace period rules, including remaining in the U.S. for no longer than 60 days after completing a full course of study, unless prior to completing the course of study the student has followed procedures for school transfer. Our program requires you to leave within 5 days of program completion.
- **Report a change of address to PDSO trujillo@davenportdiocese.org immediately of the change, so that SEVIS can be updated. You need to be living where your I-20 says you are living, if you are not doing so, it will result in termination of your I-20 F1 status.**
- Abide by rules requiring disclosure of information and prohibition of criminal activity.
- Not work, either on or off-campus.