

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Schools may admit non-immigrant international students with a qualifying visa if the school has been approved by the United States Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The schools of the diocese were approved as schools for non-immigrant international students. All correspondence from schools to the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Department of Justice, should make reference to the approval number, **DEN214F10059000**. Reporting is done through the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS). It is an Internet-based system which maintains information on non-immigrant students, exchange visitors and their dependents. The change to the automated process is mandated by federal law.

The principal informs the Catholic Schools Office when an international student is enrolled by sending a copy of the I-20 to the Catholic Schools Office.

Form I-20 must be submitted through SEVIS. Each high school principal and the Superintendent have access to SEVIS. An elementary/middle school principal, who needs to submit information, does so through one of these authorized persons. These same persons may also enter information on the school's F-1 and M-1 students.

No principal should submit a form to admit a non-immigrant international student unless the principal has evidence that the student is a suitable candidate for enrollment.