

Using Federal Funds to Support AI in Education: U.S. Department of Education Guidance (2025)

The U.S. Department of Education affirms that **federal formula and discretionary funds may be used to support the responsible integration of artificial intelligence (AI)** to improve teaching, learning, and student outcomes.

AI should **support—not replace—educators** and be aligned with statutory and regulatory requirements.

Allowable Uses of Federal Funds

1. AI-Based Instructional Materials

- Develop or purchase AI-powered tools that adapt to learner needs
- Expand access to high-quality, personalized learning materials
- Train educators, providers, and families to use AI responsibly

2. AI-Enhanced Tutoring

- Implement intelligent tutoring systems for individualized support
- Use hybrid models combining human tutors with AI platforms
- Leverage AI diagnostics and scheduling to match students with services

3. AI for College & Career Navigation

- Platforms that help students explore careers and pathways
 - Virtual advising for course planning, financial aid, and transitions
 - Predictive models to identify students needing additional support
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Principles for Responsible AI Use

- **Educator-led** – AI supports teachers, tutors, advisors, and leaders
 - **Ethical** – Teach students to evaluate and appropriately use AI
 - **Accessible** – Ensure usability for students, families, and staff with disabilities
 - **Transparent & Explainable** – Parents and stakeholders should understand how AI systems function
 - **Data-Protective** – Comply with FERPA and other federal privacy laws
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Key Takeaways

Schools and districts can confidently use **existing federal education funds** to responsibly adopt AI tools and practices that:

- ✓ Support learners
- ✓ Empower educators
- ✓ Strengthen the education system