



# Finding Funding for Future-Ready Schools

This worksheet will help education leaders prepare to seek financial support for an AI implementation that will help students prepare for college, career, and life. Use it to assess how your planned AI initiatives align with current federal priorities and follow a blueprint for seeking out funding.

## Designing Funding-compliant AI Initiatives

Schools and districts can apply existing federal education programs to AI for the following uses, assuming alignment with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements. With which of these do your plans align?

### Allowable uses of federal funding for AI

### Check all that apply to your planned AI initiatives

#### AI-based high-quality instructional materials

- Developing or procuring AI-powered instructional tools
- Expanding access to personalized learning materials
- Providing training on effective and responsible use of AI tools

#### AI for college and career pathway exploration, advising, and navigation

- Creating AI-based platforms that help students pursue careers
- Virtual advising systems for career and postsecondary ed
- Predictive models that assist advising or support

#### AI-enhanced high-impact tutoring

- Developing and implementing AI-powered tutoring systems
- Hybrid models that complement AI instruction with human tutors
- Tools that use AI to match learners with tutoring services

The U.S. Department of Education (DOE) states that all AI-related educational initiatives should have certain characteristics. Ahead of applying for these grants, make sure that your application will meet the criteria to increase its chances of being accepted. Describe the ways in which your planned initiatives will align with the following DOE priorities.

Initiatives should be...	This means...	Describe how your planned initiatives align
<b>Educator-led</b>	AI supports and benefits educators of all types	
<b>Ethical</b>	Initiatives help educators assist students in learning and navigating AI's challenges and benefits	
<b>Accessible</b>	All AI tools or systems usable by those who require digital accessibility accommodations	
<b>Transparent and explainable</b>	All stakeholders, especially parents, understand and help make decisions about AI use	
<b>Data-protective</b>	Initiatives comply with federal privacy laws including the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act	

## Finding funding sources

The DOE has a renewed federal focus on equity, literacy, and readiness. Identify your school's AI plans that may align with these funding sources.

Type of funding	Uses of AI allowed under these grants	Identify your school's AI plans that may align with these funding sources
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### Federal Funding Sources

<b>Title I</b>	AI may be used in various ways to help students develop reading skills like phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.
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<b>Title II</b>	AI may be used in various ways to improve instructional planning and differentiate learning, as well as to enhance teacher capacity.
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<b>Perkins V</b>	AI may be used to help students identify career pathways of interest and enable personalized literacy education aligned to career objectives.
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<b>IDEA</b>	AI may be used to help differentiate reading content, monitor progress, or scaffold learning for students with support plans.
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### State Funding Sources

<b>State Funding</b>	State-specific funding sources may support AI-based programs, particularly reading acceleration initiatives and high-impact tutoring grants.
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## Planning your approach

Use the following blueprint plan out your AI initiatives and their funding in a way that puts your most important priorities first.

### Step 1: Choose your priority outcomes

Every potential AI initiative must be judged against its ability to contribute to the outcomes that take priority for your district. If possible, prioritize outcomes that align with the DOE's stated priorities for AI use, such as literacy acceleration and career readiness.

#### List 3-5 priority outcomes

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### Step 2: Define the "AI-ready graduate"

Articulate a vision of what skills students need upon graduation to be career-ready within a work world defined by AI. Consider things like strong literacy skills, exposure to multiple career experiences, and fluency in the responsible and ethical uses of AI.

#### List 3-5 characteristics of an AI-ready graduate

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### Step 3: Identify your capacity gaps

AI-based initiatives can have the most impact when applied strategically to close capacity gaps or address stubborn problems. Prioritize any areas in which AI's unique ability to personalize or customize outputs can have an outsized effect on results

#### List 3-5 capacity gaps

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### Step 4: Build guardrails that reflect DOE guidance

Prioritize tools and practices that reflect DOE priorities for responsible use of AI. (See first section of this worksheet.) How can initiatives support educators, focus on ethical use of AI, prioritize accessibility and transparency, and protect data and privacy?

#### List 3-5 tools and practices that reflect DOE priorities

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### **Step 5:** Use an integrated funding model

Look for a mix of funding sources to support AI initiatives. Nearly all successful districts blend multiple streams, such as funding from Title I, Title II, Perkins V, and state literacy dollars. (See the second section of this worksheet.)

#### List 3-5 potential federal and state funding sources

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### **Step 6:** Share early wins openly

Communicate with your school community to showcase growth in reading skills and literacy, improved student engagement in career-connected tasks, enhanced teacher capacity, and reduced inequities in access to opportunities.

#### List 3-5 ways to share progress with your community

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## A model that meets the moment

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