

# BUREAU OF *Federal* EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

## Supplement, Not Supplant

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Federal funds must supplement (increase, add to, enhance, expand, extend) the programs and services offered with state and local funds.	Federal funds are not permitted to be used to supplant (take the place of, replace) the state and local funds used to offer those programs and services.

### Supplement not Supplement (USDOE)

A State educational agency or local educational agency shall use Federal funds received under [Title I, Part A] only to supplement the funds that would, in the absence of such Federal funds, be made available from State and local sources for the education of students participating in programs assisted under [Title I, Part A], and not to supplant such funds. (ESEA section 1118(b)(1))

### Document for Compliance

Examples of the types of documentation that an LEA to demonstrate that the expenditure is supplemental to other federal and/or non-federal programs include the following:

- Program and fiscal documentation to prove that, in the absence of federal funds, the LEA would have to eliminate staff or other services.
- Planning documents that shows state and local funds are being used for the general requirements of the student. The supplemental funds are additional services being provided.
- Implementation of services provided is beyond the basic local and state requirements.
- Specific policies and procedures related to supplement, not supplant requirements.

### Resources:

[Text of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965](#) (as reauthorized by the ESSA) (PDF; Updated 28-Jan-2020)

USDOE Supplement Not Supplant Document:

<https://www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/essa/snsfinalguidance06192019.pdf>

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### Supplement not Supplant Scenario

**Question:** An LEA local school board approved an initiative to provide a laptop computer for every student within the next four years. The LEA is using local funds for the laptops on non-Title I, Part A schools. The LEA would like to use Title I, Part A, funds for the laptops on the campuses being served by Title I, Part A.

**Answer:** The purchase of the laptops with Title I, Part A funds would be considered supplanting due to the local initiative as an LEA-wide goal, and the LEA is purchasing the laptops for schools not served by Title I, Part A with local funds.