

DIEFENDERFER WILLIAM M III

Form 5

February 14, 2002

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
 Diefenderfer III, William M.
 11600 Sallie Mae Drive
 Reston, VA 20193
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 USA Education, Inc. (SLM)
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year
 2001
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

TABLE I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3. Trans- action Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount A/D Price	5. Amou Secu Bene Owne End Year
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Common Stock

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