

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all Applicable)	
Shapiro	Steven	L.	USA Education, Inc. of Reporting Person Year		---(give title below) ---(Specify below)	
(Last)	(First)	(MI)	3. IRS or Soc. Sec. No. of Reporting Person (Voluntary)		X Director 10% Owner	
11600 Sallie Mae Drive			4. Statement for Month/Year		Officer Other	
(Street)			February 2001		---(give title below) ---(Specify below)	
Reston	VA	20193	5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)		7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			X 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 (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Mon/Day/Yr)	3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)	4. Security Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 3 & 4)	6. Own. Form (D) or (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount			
Common Stock	02/01/2001	M			35000	A	\$39.3393	
Common Stock	02/01/2001	S			28000	D	\$65.2500	23503 D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class securities owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1474 (7-96)
*If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

FORM 4 (continued) TABLE II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible security)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Mon/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 4)	10. Own. Form (D) or (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V						
Stock Opti	\$39.3393	02/01	M			08/13	Common Sto	35000	\$39.3393	35000	D

on (Right
to buy)

2001

(01)

2007

Explanation of Responses:

(01) The options become exercisable in increments of one-third upon the Company's common stock having a closing price on the New York Stock Exchange of \$42.86, \$57.15 and \$71.43, respectively, for five trading days, they also become exercisable on the eighth anniversary of their grant (August 13, 2005) subject to the reporting person's continued service with the Company.

**Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

/s/Mary F. Eure (POA)

03/12/2001

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Note: File three copies of this form, one of which must be manually signed. If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

SEC 1474 (7-96)

Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMD Number

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