

AMERICAN PUBLIC EDUCATION INC

Form 4

January 29, 2015

**FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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Section 16.  
Form 4 or  
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obligations  
may continue.  
See Instruction  
1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Wilkins Harry T

(Last) (First) (Middle)

111 WEST CONGRESS STREET

(Street)

CHARLES TOWN, WV 25414

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
AMERICAN PUBLIC  
EDUCATION INC [APEI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/27/2015

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP, Chief Development Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_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 (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock, par value \$.01	01/27/2015		A <sup>(1)</sup>		3,000	A	\$ 0	22,769	D
Common Stock, par value \$.01	01/27/2015		F <sup>(2)</sup>		909	D	\$ 34.66	21,860	D
Common Stock, par value \$.01								111.5	I
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									By Wilkins Asset Management, Inc. <sup>(3)</sup>
									By son <sup>(4)</sup>

Common  
Stock, par  
value \$.01

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Wilkins Harry T  
111 WEST CONGRESS STREET  
CHARLES TOWN, WV 25414

EVP, Chief Development Officer

## Signatures

/s/ Richard W. Sunderland, Jr.,  
Attorney-in-Fact

01/29/2015

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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

- (1) Restricted Stock Award pursuant to the American Public Education, Inc. 2011 Omnibus Incentive Plan. Award vests in three equal annual installments, with one third vesting on January 27, 2016, one third vesting on January 27, 2017 and one third vesting on January 27, 2018.
- (2) The issuer withheld shares of Common Stock from the reporting person to pay the tax withholding obligations related to the vesting of equity awards held by the reporting person.

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- The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership, except to the extent of his pecuniary benefit, of the securities owned by Wilkins
- (3) Asset Management, Inc., and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
  - (4) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by his son, and this report should not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of his son's shares for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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