

Wilkins Harry T  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Wilkins Harry T

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

111 WEST CONGRESS STREET

(Street)

CHARLES TOWN, WV 25414

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/17/2012

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

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

6. 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 (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 or Price		
Common Stock, par value \$.01	12/13/2011		G <sup>(1)</sup>	V	110 D \$ 0	66,051	D
Common Stock, par value \$.01	12/13/2011		G <sup>(1)</sup>	V	10 A \$ 0	360	I By son <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock, par value \$.01	01/17/2012		S		2,500 <sup>(3)</sup> D \$ 45.0992 <sup>(4)</sup>	63,551	D



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person is the beneficial owner of his son's shares for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

(2) 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.

(3) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Sales Plan adopted by the reporting person on November 21, 2008, as modified on May 29, 2009 and November 23, 2010, which is intended to comply with Rule 10b5-1.

(4) The price of \$45.0992 per share represents a weighted average of sales prices ranging from \$44.8211 to \$45.50 per share. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares purchased or sold at each separate price.

(5) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership, except to the extent of his pecuniary benefit, of the securities owned by Wilkins 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.

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