

Wilkins Harry T  
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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 W. CONGRESS STREET  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 10/07/2008

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

CHARLES TOWN, WV 25414  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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	(D)	Price
Common Stock, par value \$.01	10/07/2008		M		3,619	A	\$ 3.96
Common Stock, par value \$.01	10/07/2008		M		1,381	A	\$ 3.96
Common Stock, par value \$.01					46,611.5	I	

By Wilkins Asset Management, Inc. (1)

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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. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.96	10/07/2008		M	3,619	<sup>(2)</sup> 02/08/2017	Common Stock	3,619
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.96	10/07/2008		M	1,381	<sup>(3)</sup> 02/08/2017	Common Stock	1,381

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Wilkins Harry T 111 W. CONGRESS STREET CHARLES TOWN, WV 25414			EVP, Chief Financial Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Lisa G. Kessler,  
Attorney-in-fact

10/09/2008

\*\*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).

- The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership, except to the extent of their pecuniary benefit, of 45,611.50 of these securities
- (1) 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.
  - (2) As of the date of this report 33,011 shares were exercisable. The remaining shares underlying the option become exercisable in equal installments on January 29, 2009 and 2010.
  - (3) As of the date of this report 12,625 shares were exercisable. The remaining shares underlying the option become exercisable in equal installments on January 29, 2009 and 2010.

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