Wilkins Harry T Form 4 January 25, 2013

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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

111 WEST CONGRESS STREET

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

Symbol

AMERICAN PUBLIC **EDUCATION INC [APEI]**

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

Other (specify _X__ Officer (give title

10% Owner

01/23/2013

EVP, Chief Financial Officer

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Director

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

below)

CHARLES TOWN, WV 25414

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(City)	(State)	(Zip) 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. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock, par value \$.01	01/23/2013		S	4,772 (1)	D	\$	30,966	D		
Common Stock, par value \$.01	01/24/2013		S	3,228 (1)	D	\$ 37.7722 (3)	27,738	D		
Common Stock, par value \$.01							111.5	I	By Wilkins Asset Management, Inc. (4)	

Common

Stock, par value 360 I By son $\underline{^{(5)}}$

\$.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. Transac Code (Instr. 8	5. ioiNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration D (Month/Day/ e	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		le and ant of rlying ities . 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	
				Code V	7 (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 Financial Officer

Signatures

Harry T. 01/25/2013 Wilkins

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 Sales Plans.

(2)

Reporting Owners 2

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The price of \$37.7204 per share represents a weighted average of sales prices ranging from \$37.53 to \$38.02 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.

- The price of \$37.7722 per share represents a weighted average of sales prices ranging from \$37.12 to \$38.26 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.
- The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership, except to the extent of his pecuniary benefit, of the securities owned by Wilkins (4) 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.
- (5) 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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