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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement AMERICAN PUBLIC EDUCATION INC [APEI] **SUNDERLAND RICHARD** (Month/Day/Year) W JR 01/01/2014 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 111 WEST CONGRESS (Check all applicable) STREET (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting EVP. Chief Financial Officer Person **CHARLES** Form filed by More than One TOWN, WVÂ 25414 Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially

Common Stock, par value \$.01

owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

 $2,547 \stackrel{(1)}{=}$

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

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2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of 6. Nature of Indirect 1. Title of Derivative Security 4. 5. **Expiration Date** Securities Underlying Ownership Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Security or Exercise Form of (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Price of Derivative Derivative Security:

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Date Expiration Title Amount or Security Direct (D)

Exercisable Date Number of or Indirect

Shares (I)

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Kelationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
SUNDERLAND RICHARD W JR 111 WEST CONGRESS STREET CHARLES TOWN, WV 25414	Â	Â	EVP, Chief Financial Officer	Â	

Signatures

/s/ Richard W. 01/10/2014 Sunderland, Jr.

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) All shares of Common Stock are Restricted Stock Awards made pursuant to the American Public Education, Inc. 2011 Omnibus Incentive Plan.

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