

FOWLER F DAVID

Form 4

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FORM 4
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 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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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
FOWLER F DAVID

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
05/15/2009

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

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)
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 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock, par value \$.01	05/15/2009		A		1,132 (1)	A \$ 0 4,803	D

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)**

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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	Amount or Number of Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
FOWLER F DAVID 111 WEST CONGRESS STREET CHARLES TOWN, WV 25414	X

Signatures

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

05/19/2009

__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) Under the directors' compensation policy for non-employee directors of American Public Education, Inc. (the "Company"), the Company's compensation committee annually grants each non-employee director an award of restricted common stock of the Company having a value of \$41,750 on the date of grant. The shares vest on the earlier of the one year anniversary of the date of grant and immediately prior to the 2010 annual meeting of stockholders.

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