

Everett J. Christopher  
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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 \*  
 Everett J. Christopher

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)  
 11/30/2012

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)

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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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock, par value \$.01	11/30/2012		M	10,852	A	\$ 6.99	33,653 D
Common Stock, par value \$.01	11/30/2012		M	4,140	A	\$ 6.99	37,793 D
Common Stock, par value \$.01	11/30/2012		S	10,000	D	\$ 35.31	27,793 D
						(1)	

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. 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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.99	11/30/2012		M	10,852	<u>(2)</u>	05/06/2017	Common Stock	10,852
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.99	11/30/2012		M	4,140	<u>(2)</u>	05/06/2017	Common Stock	4,140

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Everett J. Christopher  
111 WEST CONGRESS STREET X  
CHARLES TOWN, WV 25414

## Signatures

/s/ Harry T. Wilkins,  
Attorney-in-Fact

12/04/2012

\*\*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) The price of \$35.31 per share represents a weighted average of sales prices ranging from \$35.1001 to \$35.4301 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

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regarding the number of shares purchased or sold at each separate price.

(2) As of the date hereof, all shares underlying the option were exercisable.

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