

AMERICAN PUBLIC EDUCATION INC

Form 4

September 03, 2008

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**111 WEST CONGRESS STREET**

(Street)

**CHARLES TOWN, WV 25414**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
**AMERICAN PUBLIC  
EDUCATION INC [APEI]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**08/29/2008**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
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(A) Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired 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	08/06/2008		G	V	450	D	\$ 0
							2,867
							D
Common Stock, par value \$.01	08/29/2008		M		1,000	A	\$ 3.96
							3,867
							D
Common Stock, par value \$.01	08/29/2008		S		1,000	D	\$ 44.921
							2,867
							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)

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	08/29/2008		M	1,000	<u>(1)</u> 02/21/2017	Common Stock	1,000

## 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

09/03/2008

\_\_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).

(1) As of the date of this report 11,664 shares were exercisable. The remaining shares underlying the option become exercisable in two equal installments on February 22, 2009 and 2010.

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