

Halle Jean C.  
Form 4  
August 25, 2011

**FORM 4**

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Halle Jean C.

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)  
08/23/2011

☒ 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock, par value \$.01	08/23/2011		M		18,236	A	\$ 3.2935
							29,842
Common Stock, par value \$.01	08/23/2011		M		4,145	A	\$ 6.9916
							33,987
							D
							D

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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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.2935	08/23/2011		M	18,236	<u>(1)</u> 05/18/2016	Common Stock 18,236
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.9916	08/23/2011		M	4,145	<u>(1)</u> 05/06/2017	Common Stock 4,145

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Halle Jean C. 111 WEST CONGRESS STREET CHARLES TOWN, WV 25414	X

## Signatures

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

08/25/2011

                     \*\*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 hereof, all shares underlying the option were exercisable.

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