

Gibbons Peter W
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Gibbons Peter W

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 W. CONGRESS STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/13/2009

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
SVP, Chief Admin. Officer

CHARLES TOWN, WV 25414

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock, par value \$.01	03/13/2009		S		16,352	D	\$ 39.93 ⁽¹⁾	23,970	D
Common Stock, par value \$.01	03/13/2009		S		13,648	D	\$ 40.34 ⁽²⁾	10,322	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Benef Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Gibbons Peter W 111 W. CONGRESS STREET CHARLES TOWN, WV 25414	SVP, Chief Admin. Officer

Signatures

/s/ Lisa G. Kessler,
Attorney-in-fact
03/17/2009

**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).

The price of \$39.93 per share represents a weighted average of sales prices ranging from \$39.20 to \$40.19 per share. The reporting person
(1) undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares purchased or sold at each separate price.

The price of \$40.34 per share represents a weighted average of sales prices ranging from \$40.20 to \$40.64 per share. The reporting person
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