

Young W. Dale
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Â Young W. Dale

(Last) (First) (Middle)

111 W. CONGRESS STREET

(Street)

CHARLES

TOWN,Â WVÂ 25414

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

02/01/2010

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

AMERICAN PUBLIC EDUCATION INC [APEI]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner

X Officer ___ Other

(give title below) (specify below)

SVP, CIO

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect (I)
(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Common Stock, par value \$0.01

2,200 (1) (2)

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)

Date Exercisable Expiration Date

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

Title Amount or Number of

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:
Direct (D)
or Indirect

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

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Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (1)	01/04/2017	Common Stock	Shares 10,000	\$ 38.14	(I) (Instr. 5) D	Â
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Young W. Dale 111 W. CONGRESS STREET CHARLES TOWN,Â WVÂ 25414	Â	Â	Â SVP, CIO	Â

Signatures

/s/ Harry T. Wilkins, Attorney-in-Fact	02/11/2010
Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Award vests in three equal annual installments beginning on January 4, 2011.
- (2) Restricted Stock Award pursuant to the American Public Education, Inc. 2007 Omnibus Incentive Plan.

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Remarks:

ExhibitÂ List
ExhibitÂ 24Â -Â PowerÂ ofÂ AttorneyÂ forÂ DaleÂ Young

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