

AMERICAN PUBLIC EDUCATION INC  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Panzarella Amy		(Month/Day/Year)	AMERICAN PUBLIC EDUCATION INC [APEI]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	12/09/2016	
111 WEST CONGRESS STREET			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
CHARLES TOWN,Â WVÂ 25414			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
			(give title below)	(specify below)
			SVP, HR & Community Affairs	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
				<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 \$.01	5,982 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	Â

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)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (2)	01/04/2017	Common Stock, par value \$.01 1,300 \$ 34.8	D Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (2)	01/03/2018	Common Stock, par value \$.01 1,100 \$ 37.52	D Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Panzarella Amy 111 WEST CONGRESS STREET CHARLES TOWN, WV 25414	Â	Â	Â SVP, HR & Community Affairs	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Richard W. Sunderland, Jr.,  
Attorney-in-Fact  
Date: 12/19/2016

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).
- Includes 3,533 shares subject to Restricted Stock Awards made pursuant to the American Public Education, Inc. 2011 Omnibus Incentive
- (1) Plan, including 333 shares that vest on January 20, 2017, 474 shares that vest on October 1, 2017 and 2,726 shares that vest in three equal annual installments beginning on January 17, 2017.
  - (2) As of the date hereof, all shares were exercisable.

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### Remarks:

Exhibit List: Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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