

AMERICAN PUBLIC EDUCATION INC  
Form 8-K  
December 09, 2011  
UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

December 9, 2011

(Date of earliest event reported)

**American Public Education, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

<b>DELAWARE</b>	<b>001-33810</b>	<b>01-0724376</b>
(State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

<b>111 WEST CONGRESS STREET, CHARLES TOWN, WV</b>	<b>25414</b>	<b>304-724-3700</b>
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)	(Registrant's telephone number including area code)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

In an opinion dated December 8, 2011 in the matter Gaer v. American Public Education, Inc. et al., (civil action no. 3:10-CV-81), the United States District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia granted the motion to dismiss filed on behalf of American Public Education, Inc., Dr. Boston and Mr. Wilkins and dismissed the case in its entirety with prejudice. No appeal of that ruling has been filed by the plaintiff, although the time period within which to do so has not yet expired.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

American Public Education, Inc.

Date: December 9, 2011 By: /s/ Harry T. Wilkins  
Harry T. Wilkins  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer