

AMERICAN PUBLIC EDUCATION INC  
Form 8-K  
December 12, 2008

**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, 2008**

**(Date of earliest event reported)**

**American Public Education, Inc.**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)**

**Delaware**

**001-33810**

**01-0724376**

(State or other jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**111 W. Congress Street  
Charles Town, West Virginia**

**25414**

**304-724-3700**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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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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**SECTION 1 Registrant's Business and Operations**

**Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On December 9, 2008, American Public Education, Inc. (the Company) entered into an Underwriting Agreement (the Underwriting Agreement) relating to the public offering of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (Common Stock), pursuant to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-155300), including a related prospectus dated December 2, 2008, as supplemented by a prospectus supplement dated December 9, 2008, which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b)(5) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The shares of Common Stock being sold in the offering consist of 15,000 shares being sold by the Company and 4,212,952 shares being sold by funds affiliated with ABS Capital Partners (collectively, the Selling Stockholders). The price per share of Common Stock to be paid to the Company and the Selling Stockholders, as applicable, is \$35.71875, which represents the offering price to the public of \$37.50 per share less the Underwriters discount. Pursuant to the terms of the Underwriting Agreement and upon the satisfaction of customary closing conditions, the Underwriters delivered the shares on December 12, 2008. The shares being sold by the Selling Stockholders include 421,295 shares pursuant to the full exercise by the several underwriters named in the Underwriting Agreement (the Underwriters) of an option to purchase additional shares of Common Stock on the same terms and conditions described above to cover overallocments.

A copy of the Underwriting Agreement, entered into by and among the Company, the Selling Stockholders and William Blair & Company, L.L.C., as representative of the Underwriters, is attached as Exhibit 1.1 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference. The Underwriting Agreement includes certain customary representations, warranties and covenants by the Company, and it provides that the Company will indemnify the Underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or contribute to payments the Underwriters may be required to make because of any of those liabilities.

**SECTION 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
1.1	Underwriting Agreement dated December 9, 2008, among the Company, the Selling Stockholders and William Blair & Company, L.L.C., as representative of the several underwriters named therein.

**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 12, 2008

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

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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