

AMERICAN PUBLIC EDUCATION INC  
Form 8-K  
March 10, 2009  
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

March 10, 2009

(Date of earliest event reported)

**American Public Education, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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

**111 W. Congress Street**

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| <b>Charles Town, West Virginia</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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**Section 2 – Financial Information**

**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On March 10, 2009, American Public Education, Inc. issued a press release reporting financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2008. A copy of American Public Education's press release is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated in this report by reference. American Public Education has scheduled a conference call and webcast for 5:00 p.m. EST on March 10, 2009 to discuss its financial results, and slides for that call are attached to this report as Exhibit 99.2 and are incorporated in this report by reference.

**Section 9 – Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits**

99.1 American Public Education, Inc. press release dated March 10, 2009, reporting financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2008.

99.2 American Public Education, Inc. slides for March 10, 2009 conference call and webcast for financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2008.

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**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: March 10, 2009    By: /s/ Harry T. Wilkins  
Harry T. Wilkins, Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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