
**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**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 15, 2011 (December 13, 2011)

Grand Canyon Education, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-34211
(Commission
File Number)

20-3356009
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

3300 W. Camelback Road
Phoenix, Arizona 85017
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (602) 639-7500

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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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 8.01. Other Events.

As previously reported on a Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 17, 2010, Mr. Christopher C. Richardson, General Counsel and Director of Grand Canyon Education, Inc. (the "Company"), adopted a stock trading plan on December 13, 2010, in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Under Rule 10b5-1, directors, officers and other employees who are not in possession of material non-public information may adopt a pre-arranged plan or contract for the sale of Company securities under specified conditions and at specified times. Once a plan is established, the insider retains no discretion over sales under the plan and the prearranged trades are executed through a broker in accordance with the plan.

Effective December 13, 2011, Mr. Richardson modified his 10b5-1 plan to extend the time period of the effectiveness of, and increase the number of shares subject to, the plan, as part of his individual long-term asset diversification, tax, and financial planning strategy as follows:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>Maximum number of shares of common stock that may be sold under the 10b5-1 Plan, as modified</u> | <u>Time period during which sales may occur under the 10b5-1 Plan, as modified</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---|--|
| Christopher C. Richardson | General Counsel | 750,000 | January 1, 2012-December 31, 2012 |

Pursuant to this 10b5-1 plan, without further direction from Mr. Richardson in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in his 10b5-1 plan, certain shares of the Company's common stock held by Mr. Richardson will be sold on a periodic basis on the open market at prevailing market prices subject to minimum price thresholds specified in the plan.

Any transactions effected pursuant to the 10b5-1 plan will be disclosed publicly through Form 144 and Form 4 filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, as applicable. Except to the extent required by law, the Company does not undertake to report any Rule 10b5-1 plans that may be adopted by any of the Company's officers or directors in the future, nor to report any modifications or terminations of any publicly announced Rule 10b5-1 plan.

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.

Date: December 15, 2011

GRAND CANYON EDUCATION, INC.

By: /s/ Daniel E. Bachus

Daniel E. Bachus

Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial and Principal Accounting Officer)