Self-Paced Polling allows students to respond to clicker-questions at their own pace instead of at the instructor's. This is done by the instructor creating a paper-based exam, distributing it to the students, and then allowing the students to respond as they see fit. Students can navigate the exam in a non-linear fashion, skipping questions they don’t know and returning to them when they finally figure out the answer.

Instructors can create multiple versions of the test. As long as the student inputs the correct version of the exam in his or her clicker, then the test will be automatically graded. NOTE: Some question types (e.g. essay, short answer, etc.) may require manual grading, though the responses will still be recorded in the session data for that student.

As with PowerPoint Polling and Anywhere Polling, Self-Paced Polling has its own unique interface.

**IMPORTANT:** Self-Paced Polling DOES NOT work with ResponseWare. Only XR and NXT response devices are compatible.

**IMPORTANT:** Self-Paced Polling REQUIRES a participant list and a question list in order to function.

**RUN A SESSION**

1. Open the TurningPoint Dashboard interface.

2. Select the Participant List from the Participants pane of the TurningPoint Dashboard.

**IMPORTANT:** It may be necessary to import a participant list for first time use of Self-Paced Polling. Also, importing a new participant list can account for changes in enrollment in Blackboard, which frequently occurs during the first few weeks of the semester.
3. Select the question list from the Content pane of the TurningPoint Dashboard.

![Content pane showing question list]

4. Click **Self-Paced Polling**.

![Self-Paced Polling interface]

**Self-Paced Polling**
Poll assessments, evaluations, and surveys that require participants to work at their own pace.

5. You will see the Self-Paced Polling interface. It will list the Participant List Device IDs. Click **Accept Logins**.

![Self-Paced Polling interface with Participant List Device IDs]
6. Select a **Participant Login** option (default is “Off”).

   - **Off** - Does not require the participants to login to the test.
   - **Required (Default to Previous User ID on Card)** - The participant logs in with the current User ID stored in the card.
   - **Required (Clear Previous User ID on Card)** - The participants are required to enter their User ID before logging in.

7. Select a **Time Limit**, if applicable. This can be a duration (e.g. 30 minutes), or an end time (e.g. 2:30 p.m.).

8. Select a message to be sent to participants upon completion, if desired. This can be one of several grade options, or it can be a custom message.

9. Once options for the test have been chosen, click **OK**.

10. Click **Start Polling** to begin the self-paced polling session. If a duration or an end time has been set, the timer window of the interface will change to reflect the duration or end time.
11. Click **Stop Polling** to stop the session. If a duration or an end time has been set, then polling will automatically stop when the duration has expired (e.g. 30 minutes have elapsed) or the end time has been reached (e.g. 2:30 p.m.).

Once polling has been stopped, then you will need to **save the session results** for publication to Blackboard (or for downloading into Excel).

## LIVE RESULTS

Self-Paced Polling includes a feature called Live Results, which allows the instructor to monitor students in progress as they respond. This can be useful for troubleshooting a problem during a class session or simply to monitor student performance.

**WARNING:** DO NOT project Live Results on the screen at the front of the classroom!!! Live Results will show individual student responses to questions, including their overall score. This is STRICTLY FORBIDDEN, per FERPA regulations.

To view Live Results while a Self-Paced Polling session is in progress:

1. Click **Self-Paced Polling** from the TurningPoint Dashboard interface. **NOTE:** You will also need to have selected a Participant List and Question List.

2. Follow instructions above to start polling.

3. Click **Live Results**.
4. The Live Results window will open. As students respond, their results will show up in the Live Results / Individual Progress window, which contains several columns of important information.

- **Device ID** – The response Device ID registered to the student based on the Participant List.
- **Version** – Version of the test given to the student. This will vary based on how many versions of the test have been created and distributed.
- **Progress** – Shows how many the questions a student has answered at any given moment in time.
- **Score** – Total points awarded to the student at any given moment in time.

5. Click **Overall Progress** to view how well students are performing on each version of the test. **NOTE:** As this is summary data and cannot be tied to any given student, it IS permissible per FERPA to show this information to students. Basically, it will show the average score for each version of the test.