Before you can use clickers in your classroom, it is first necessary to ensure that TurningPoint is properly configured to receive responses.

TurningPoint applications (such as PowerPoint Polling) can be used with either the NXT or XR style of clicker, though the NXT offers the most features, as it is the latest model released from Turning Technologies.

Either clicker works for most classroom applications. In addition to clickers, Turning Technologies offers a service called ResponseWare, which allows students to respond using a smart phone, iPad, or laptop. Students purchase a license for ResponseWare from the Bookstore just as they would purchase a clicker. Instructors who allow students to respond with ResponseWare will also need to log into [http://www.rwpoll.com](http://www.rwpoll.com) to initiate the session and allow ResponseWare devices to respond.

Rooms that are clicker-enabled will already have a receiver installed in the instructor station computer.

**IMPORTANT:** Signs are posted in each room indicating the clicker channel for that room. Rooms that are in close proximity (above, below, or on either side) WILL have different channel settings to prevent interference.

**RECEIVER CHECK**

Before starting a session, it is important to ensure that a receiver has been properly installed.

1. Open the TurningPoint application.
2. Click **Preferences** in the lower right-hand corner of the TurningPoint interface.

3. Click **Connections**. In the Response Card Channels section, you should see an entry for a Receiver, indicating the serial number of the Receiver, which version of firmware it is currently on, and the Channel.

   **WARNING:** Do NOT change the channel on receivers found in the classroom! The channels have all been preconfigured by Educational Technology to minimize any interference from nearby clicker-enabled classrooms.

   ![TurningPoint Interface](image)

   **IMPORTANT:** If a receiver has not been found, then there may be a problem with the receiver (if it is present) or it has been removed. Contact the Help Desk at (573) 341-HELP for assistance.

4. Check to make sure the channel matches the sign posted in the classroom.

5. Click **Close**.
The first time a session is started, it is useful to do a quick polling test with student clickers. This will allow instructors to quickly see if there are any problem clickers in the class. Although polling tests can be performed at the beginning of every class, it probably isn’t necessary. Periodic polling tests might be useful just to make sure everyone’s clicker is functioning properly, particularly on the first day of class.

1. Open the TurningPoint application.
2. Click Preferences in the lower right-hand corner of the TurningPoint interface.
3. Click Connections.
4. Click Test.
5. Allow each student to respond. All they need to do is press a button (0-9) on their clicker. The Polling Test window will show each student’s response. Unfortunately, it does not identify students by name, but only by their Device ID.

6. Click **Close** to stop the test.