

Turning Point Technologies Classroom Response Systems

Introduction

The Turning Point systems have been completely redesigned and upgraded. They bear scant resemblance to the older Turning Point Systems we used to use at ACC. Each system has three components: a Turning Point software CD, a USB receiver, and a set of clickers, which resemble credit cards. Turning Point refers to its clickers as ResponseCards. There are three types of cards: Radio Frequency (RF), XR (offers more features), and ResponseWare, which allows students to respond via the Internet using iPhones, BlackBerry smartphones, and laptops.

Advantages of Turning Point CRS – Many of the advantages listed for the CPS system also apply to Turning Point:

- Offers more types of clickers, or response cards, than most other systems.
- Totally scalable – You can purchase one card or as many as you need.
- The cards have a sealed form factor, ensuring that they are very durable.
- They are small (credit card-sized) and easy to transport.
- Responses are sent over 100 times per second for 8 seconds to ensure that the answer is transmitted and received.
- Students using the ResponseWare cards can use their iPhones or Blackberries or laptops to respond to questions.
- They are inexpensive.

Downsides of Turning Point Systems – Most of the disadvantages listed under CPS apply to Turning Point:

- Some installation / version control issues have been reported.
- Compatibility issues
- Battery cost and access
- Multiple products – May be confusing to instructors and students