

University of Delaware Student Response System Guidelines For Radio Frequency Technology



Recently, the University of Delaware decided that they needed to standardize on one student response system campus-wide. Before standardizing, several faculty members were using a variety of systems which meant multi-vendor support. Standardization offered numerous benefits including singular vendor support and increased student familiarity.

After deciding to standardize, the university formed a task force to establish product assessment criteria. In addition, the created a checklist that served as a general guideline to determine the system that best met their requirements.

While this list was compiled by a university, many of these questions can also be applied by elementary and secondary schools evaluating radio frequency student response systems.

How much do the clickers cost?
How much do the receivers cost?
Is this a one time purchase?
What's the registration fee per course?
Do we need to register on the Web to use?
How easy is it to use?
Is this a publisher neutral solution?
Do the clickers have LCD panels so students can see their own responses?
How much do the clickers weigh (including the batteries)?
What type of batteries does each clicker require, and how many?
Is it integrated with PowerPoint?
Does the vendor provide support for students?
How are the clickers updated?
Are these particular clickers already used on campus?
Are they radio-frequency powered?
If so, what's the operating distance?
How many simultaneous users do they support?
Are they Macintosh compatible?
Is vendor training available?
Can student rosters be integrated?
How many other higher education institutions have adopted this solution?

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