Poll Everywhere: Getting Started

Poll Everywhere is web-based software that allows you to present polls or quizzes to your students and receive instant feedback via the Web, text message, or both. This guide presents the basic steps needed to begin using Poll Everywhere in the classroom.

Creating a Poll

1) Navigate to polleverywhere.com in your Web browser and click Log in at the upper right.
2) Select My Polls.
3) Select Polls in the menu bar at the top left and click Create.

4) Select the type of question you wish to create.

5) Type the text of your question, and then type the text of the answers below. You can add more answers by clicking the plus sign.

6) When you have finished adding answers, click the blue Create button to create the poll.

Poll Creation Tips

- To edit a question, click on Edit at the lower right.
- To control how students can respond to your poll (Web voting, SMS text messaging, or Twitter) and how many times they can respond, select the Configure tab -> How People Can Respond. Note that some question types (Q&A, Ranking Order) only allow Web voting, not text messaging.
- To control who can respond to the poll and how many times they can respond, select the Configure tab -> Response Settings.
Presenting a Poll

1) To activate a poll, select either the Activation icon or the Enter full screen mode icon in the right-hand menu bar.

2) To hide poll responses from students, select the Eye icon. Select it again to reveal them.

3) To stop students from submitting answers, select the Lock icon.

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- You can customize the look of your poll by selecting the Paintbrush icon at the upper right and choosing from various options (e.g. color, font, or background).
- Select the Eye icon before beginning the poll if you wish answers to be hidden to students while they are responding.
- Only one poll question can be active at a time. When you are finished with a question, you can use your arrow keys or a slide advancer to move to the next question and activate it.

Further Resources

For detailed information on the features of Poll Everywhere, see the Presenter and Instructor guides at polleverywhere.com/guides.