Test clickers before class:

One drawback to clickers is that students don’t always know if their clicker is working properly or not. A student’s clicker may have gotten bumped around in his/her bookbag and the channel may need to be reset. But how do you know for sure? One way to solve this problem is to add a response grid to each question you ask during the lecture so that students get a visual confirmation that lets them know that their clicker answer is being accepted. However, a response grid takes up a lot of space on your PowerPoint slide, especially if you teach a large class of 100 students or more. You could use a rotating response grid, but as the grid cycles through the student roster in sets of 20 students have to wait for their name to show up and verify that it’s there before it goes to the next page. It’s easy to miss.

Instructions:
The best solution is for the instructor to train students to verify that their clicker is working properly every day before class. Use the method below as students start filing into the classroom.

1. Make sure the input source is set to receive Response Devices.
2. Select your course as the Participants list. For example: BIOS 112, GEOL101
   If you select Auto or None, you won’t know how individual students answered
3. Before class, while students are coming into the room, run any TurningPoint slide and press the F7 function key. This will show a response table that your students can use to verify that their clicker ID is being received correctly.
4. Ask students to click any key 1-9 on their clicker and look for their name to light up.
5. Ask students to let you know if their name on the chart does NOT change color when they click.
6. If a student’s clicker cannot be fixed by resetting the channel have them contact Academic Technology so that we can repair or replace the problem clicker.
7. To quit showing the response table press the F7 function key again.