How can I prevent students from attempting to answer polls outside of class?

Tell Me

Poll Everywhere runs on an Internet connection, which means it is possible that a student may attempt to answer questions outside of the classroom zone. There are several ways to reduce that probability:

1. Add the question in PowerPoint, Google Slides, or Apple Keynote:
   a. Insert the Poll Everywhere question slide into PowerPoint, Slides, or Keynote, but type the question elsewhere (Either on a previous slide or above the Poll Everywhere embedded question)
   b. Students answering outside of class will not be able to see the question, only the question choices
   c. Students will see only the question choices on their device

2. Ask an arbitrary attendance question:
a. Ask an arbitrary attendance question where the answer is given to the students during class. Ex. “The answer for today’s attendance is B”

b. You may choose to ask attendance questions at the beginning, middle, and end of class time to avoid a loss of participation.

c. If you notice that there are more participants in the following questions than there are who correctly answered the attendance question, this may indicate that someone either came into class late or left early.

3. Change your account name:
   a. As a presenter, faculty can periodically change their account name which is linked to the URL of the question slides.
   b. Poll slides have a URL such as https://pollev.com/accountname.
   c. Change your account name every other class as a means of reducing persons outside the classroom answering poll questions.

4. Time your polls:
   a. When creating your polls, hover in the bottom left corner. This will prompt a timer to appear which allows you to automatically close your poll after a certain number of seconds/minutes.

Related FAQs

- Is there a mobile app I can use for Poll Everywhere?
- How can I prevent students from attempting to answer polls outside of class?
- How can I set up and ask different questions to different classes and/or sections?
- How do I present my Poll Everywhere questions using PowerPoint?
- How can I adjust scores for a poll question after polling?