

Line Highlighter

A Line Highlighter allows a student to click on a line of text to highlight the entire line. This is different than using a standard highlighter as the student does not need to hold the mouse button down and select all the text on the line. Using a typical highlighter it is easy to select text above or below the line requiring a student to then use the eraser tool to try and erase highlighted text they hadn't meant to highlight. A line highlighter is much easier for a student with physical access issues to highlight text as it can be done by moving the cursor around the document using the arrow keys on the keyboard, and often a keyboard command to highlight the line.

The tool can be used to help a student focus just on the line of text to be read, highlight the question allowing it to stand out from the rest of the document or highlight answers in multiple choice quizzes.

Below is an example of using a feature in Word to highlight just a line of text. Begin by clicking just to the left of the line of text. You want to make sure the cursor has turned to an arrow and not the typical iBeam that would allow you to click and place your cursor within the text. Clicking will select the line and display a toolbar containing the highlight tool. Choosing the highlighter (the default color is yellow but can be changed) will the highlight the line in yellow. To erase the highlighting, reselect the text, click the Highlight tool again.



Programs with Line Highlighter ability - not simply a highlighter

- Microsoft Word

- Intellitools Classroom Suite - can use tools to highlight a line of text, change color