

ISTEP+ & IREAD-3: Use of Highlighters

Use of highlighters is allowed for students participating in ISTEP+ and IREAD-3. However, liquid ink on a scannable sheet poses a risk. It is not possible to guarantee that marks made with a highlighter will not affect the scanning/scoring process.

To minimize the potential interference of highlighter ink in the scanning process, students should be instructed to adhere to the recommended guidelines below.

- Highlight only key words and phrases in the passages and test questions.
- Do not highlight answer choices.
- Do not highlight track marks, litho codes, skunk lines, barcodes, preslugged bubbles, or any other carbon black printing. The highlighters may cause these black inks to blur and bleed.
- Do not highlight pencil marks of any kind, whether bubbles or handwriting. The highlighters may cause pencil marks to blur and bleed.
- Use only highlighters from the following list. These highlighters were tested on documents and found to cause minimal problems in scanning.

Avery® HI-LITER®
Regular and thin-tipped

Bic® Brite Liner®

Sharpie® ACCENT® HIGHLIGHTER
Regular and thin-tipped