

## Topic for this week: URL or email link colors

Why this matters:

- URL, email, or other hyperlinks included in text must be distinguishable by means other than just color, AND, the colors used in a hyperlink must be colors with appropriate amounts of contrast.

Issues surrounding this topic:

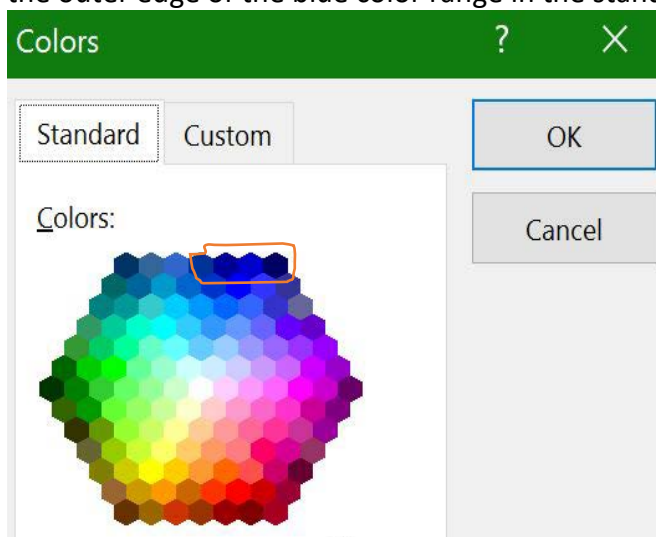
- Cutting and pasting e-mail addresses, web URL's, or other hyperlinks into a Word or email document usually puts the text in a standard blue color with an underline.
- The underline is great because it designates that the hyperlink is different than the surrounding text.
- The blue color is not great – it does not have sufficient contrast to meet AAA accessibility requirements.

What to do:

- Change the color of hyperlinks in your document from the standard blue color to a dark blue color to meet the requirements for normal text (7:1 contrast for AAA standards).

How to change the link color:

- Select the link, then go to the font color selection menu and change your font color by selecting the down arrow and clicking on “blue accent 1, darker 50%” or “dark blue” in the standard colors options.
- Hyperlink colors that meet the AAA standard include the dark blue colors located along the outer edge of the blue color range in the standard color options in Word.



- You can also check custom colors using the [WebAIM color contrast checker](#).