



McGraw Hill LAS Links

An iTEP SLATE Comparison Chart

The LAS Links tests are a suite of English language assessments targeting the Pre-K to Grade 12 age group, and are primarily for ESL placement and benchmarking, rather than admissions. A notable distinction between SLATE and LAS Links is the distinction in scoring. LAS Links provides rubrics to teachers for them to grade written and spoken responses themselves, while iTEP SLATE utilizes highly trained native English-speaking ESL professionals who score the iTEP tests within 5 business days (usually faster).

	iTEP SLATE-Plus	McGraw Hill LAS Links
Total Exam Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 90 minutes (all five sections) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ranging between 40 to 115 minutes (depending on specific assessment)
Skills Assessed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grammar, listening, reading, writing, and speaking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading, listening, writing, speaking
Target Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High school age students (and younger) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grades Pre-K to 12 (dependent on specific assessment)
Difficulty Level Tested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginner to advanced 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tests five levels: beginning, early intermediate, intermediate, proficient, above proficient
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate students' English ability for high school, academy, middle school, and boarding school admissions purposes Place students in English language programs Perform pre- and post-course assessment Guide course instruction and curriculum development Qualify candidates for exchange program acceptance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Placement and progress monitoring for English-language programs Progress and exit testing Guide course instruction and curriculum
Price	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$99 (global retail price for applicants); significant institutional discounts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pricing varies per module and version purchased
Delivery Format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internet and paper forms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internet and paper forms
Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full security measures in place Item bank feature ensures no test is replicated Test can only be administered at secured centers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two forms available annually, compromising content security after first testing
Grading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple-choice sections (Grammar, listening, reading) are evaluated by iTEP Grader Software Writing and speaking sections evaluated by iTEP graders- native English speaking ESL trained professionals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading and listening computer graded (when available) Teachers are responsible for evaluation of writing and speaking portions Local grading or scanning optional and sometimes required
Scoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall score ranges from 0 to 6, with .1 level increments, as well as individual section scores, based on standardized rubric 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Varies by test version Online version scores range from 290 to 680 Overall & section scores provided
Results Delivery Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Results returned within 5 business days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading and listening results available instantly (online versions) Writing and speaking results dependent on teachers
Additional iTEP Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iTEP partners can get immediate online access to results of the grammar, listening, and reading sections, as well as access to the writing and speaking submissions iTEP available in customized and modularized versions iTEP partners can utilize their premises to become iTEP test centers and administer the exam on-site 	