

	iTEP SLATE-Plus	McGraw Hill LAS Link
Total Exam Time	90 minutes (all five sections)	Ranging between 40 to 115 minutes
Skills Assessed	Grammar, listening, reading, writing, and speaking	Reading, listening, writing, and speaking
Target Age	High school students (and younger)	Grades Pre-K to 12 (dependent on specific assessment)
Difficulty Level Tested	Beginner to Advanced	Beginning, early intermediate, intermediate, proficient, above proficient
Purpose	<ul> <li>Evaluate students' English ability for secondary- level admission purposes</li> <li>Place students in English-language programs</li> <li>Perform pre- and post-course assessment</li> <li>Guide course instruction and curriculum development</li> <li>Qualify candidates for exchange programs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Placement and progress monitoring for English language programs</li> <li>Progress and exit testing</li> <li>Guide course instruction and curriculum</li> </ul>
Delivery Format	Internet	Internet and paper-based
Security	<ul> <li>Tests can only be administered at secured Certified iTEP Test Centers</li> <li>Certified proctors on-site; ensure that photo IDs match each test-taker</li> <li>Item Bank feature ensures that no test is replicated by streaming the content live during the exam</li> <li>FotoSure<sup>™</sup> software photographs the test-taker throughout the exam</li> </ul>	Two forms available annually, compromising content security after first testing
Grading	<ul> <li>Multiple-choice sections (Grammar, listening, reading) are evaluated by iTEP Grader Software</li> <li>Writing and speaking sections evaluated by native English speaking ESL trained professionals</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Reading and listening computer graded (when available)</li> <li>Teachers are responsible for evaluation of writing and speaking portions</li> <li>Local grading or scanning optional and sometimes required</li> </ul>
Scoring	<ul> <li>Overall score ranges from 0 to 6, with .1 level increments, as well as individual section scores, based on standardized rubric</li> <li>Scored linguistic sub-skill sections give a more detailed picture of skill level</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Overall score ranges from 0 to 6, with .1 level increments, as well as individual section scores, based on standardized rubric</li> <li>Scored linguistic sub-skill sections give a more detailed picture of skill level</li> </ul>
Scheduling	On-demand scheduling	Scheduling in advance
Results Delivery Time	Results returned within 24 hours	<ul> <li>Reading and listening results available instantly</li> <li>Writing and speaking results dependent on teachers</li> </ul>
Additional iTEP Benefits	<ul> <li>iTEP partners can get immediate online access to all test results, as well as access to the submitted writing and speaking portions</li> <li>iTEP available in customized and modularized versions</li> <li>iTEP partners can utilize their premises to become iTEP test centers and administer the exam on-site</li> </ul>	