



# iTEP SLATE – SLEP<sup>®</sup> Comparison Chart

	iTEP SLATE	SLEP <sup>®</sup> (Retired)
<b>Total Exam Time</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>90 minutes for iTEP SLATE-Plus (all five sections)</li> <li>60 minutes for iTEP SLATE-Core (reading, listening, &amp; grammar)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>90 minutes (two sections)</li> </ul>
<b>Skills Assessed</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iTEP SLATE-Plus evaluates reading, listening, grammar, writing, and speaking</li> <li>iTEP SLATE-Core evaluates reading, listening, and grammar</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listening and reading (grammar indirectly tested)</li> </ul>
<b>Target Age</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High school age students (and younger)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High school age students (and younger)</li> </ul>
<b>Difficulty Level Tested</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tests at different difficulty levels (but lower than university level proficiency)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tests at different difficulty levels (but lower than university level proficiency)</li> </ul>
<b>Purpose</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate students' English ability for high school and academy 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 program acceptance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assign students to ESL classes</li> <li>Place students in a regular English-medium program</li> <li>Assess students status for exiting an ESL program</li> <li>Qualify students for exemption from a Bilingual program</li> </ul>
<b>Price</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$99 (global retail price for iTEP SLATE-Plus for applicants); significant institutional discounts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set of 20 test booklets, answer sheets, CD: \$255</li> </ul>
<b>Test Delivery Format</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internet for iTEP SLATE-Core and iTEP SLATE-Plus</li> <li>Paper form available for iTEP SLATE-Core</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paper form only</li> <li>Materials must be ordered in advance by administering institution</li> </ul>
<b>Security</b>	<p>Full security measures in place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tests can only be administered at secured Certified iTEP-SLATE Test Centers</li> <li>Certified proctors on-site; ID check;</li> <li>Item bank feature ensures that no test is replicated, and that test items are secure by streaming the content live during the exam</li> </ul>	<p>Unsecure test procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tests are given and graded at school sites</li> <li>Individuals have access to test content and grading sheets</li> <li>ETS is not involved with the implementation or scoring of the test in any way</li> </ul>
<b>Grading</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multiple-choice sections (reading, listening, grammar) evaluated by iTEP-SLATE Grader Software</li> <li>Writing and speaking sections evaluated by iTEP graders: native English-speaking ESL trained professionals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administering institution scores the tests and retains materials</li> <li>ETS does not provide scoring service for this exam</li> </ul>
<b>Scoring</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall score, as well as individual section scores, based on standardized rubric;</li> <li>Scores range from 0 to 6, with .1 level increments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For listening, scores range from 10-32</li> <li>For reading, scores range from 10- 35</li> <li>Total scores range from 20-67</li> </ul>
<b>Results Delivery</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iTEP SLATE-Core results available immediately</li> <li>iTEP SLATE-Plus results returned within 5 business days</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administering institution can deliver results immediately after scoring paper test</li> <li>ETS does not provide scoring service for this exam</li> </ul>
<b>Additional iTEP Benefits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iTEP SLATE partners can get immediate online access to results of the Reading, Listening, and Grammar sections, as well as access to the Writing and Speaking submissions</li> <li>iTEP SLATE available in customized and modularized versions</li> <li>iTEP SLATE partners can utilize their premises to become iTEP SLATE test centers and administer the exam on-site</li> </ul>	