



## ENGLISH PREPARATORY SCHOOL

# DECLARATION ON

## TOEFL IBT Test (TRACK 4)

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## Nullification of 5 Points For Attendance

Dear students,

Following a thorough evaluation of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the Administrative Board of English Preparatory School (Istanbul Aydin University) has hereby taken precautionary and preventive steps at ensuring that the health of the students is not put in jeopardy, as they strive for academic excellence. The trajectory of the Covid-19 cases has unfortunately been in the upward direction and shows no sign of either diminishing nor losing momentum. It is in light of this rather unfavorable trend that the following decisions have been made.

- **About TOEFL**

The Previously Obligatory TOEFL IBT Exam has become optional. Before the pandemic, the TOEFL IBT Test was a requirement for every student studying at the English Preparatory School. The TOEFL IBT Test was considered an integral part of our End Of Year total GPA of each student. This decision has hereby been reverted. In other words, students are NOT obliged to sit for the TOEFL IBT Test at the end of the Academic Year (2020 – 2021). Instead, they will take a TOEFL-like Proficiency Test, which will be prepared by the Testing Unit of our school.

- **Substitute For TOEFL IBT (Proficiency Exam)**

Following the scrapping of TOEFL IBT Test as an integral part of our calculation of a student's GPA, the English Preparatory School will administer an **“English Proficiency Examination”** that will be closely equivalent to the actual TOEFL IBT Test. This Proficiency Exam will be a **“TOEFL-like Proficiency Test”**. Every student will be required to take this TOEFL-like Proficiency Test/exam (as a substitute for the actual TOEFL IBT Test).

❖ **Area of similarity/equivalence will be BUT NOT LIMITED to the following;**

- The tested skills (Reading – Listening – Speaking – Independent Writing)
- The question types per skill (refer to any available TOEFL IBT Course book to learn more)
- Timing (The time allotted to each section/skill)
- Degree of difficulty (Significantly parallel)

• **About TOEFL IBT Lessons (4<sup>th</sup> Track)**

Providing TOEFL IBT lessons in the fourth track has been a fundamental part of our program. In this Academic Year (2020 – 2021), as in previous years, students will be taught strategies and/or techniques that they will need to put into practice while taking the “TOEFL IBT - like Proficiency Exam”. Our over the years’ experience has shown that integrating TOEFL IBT lessons in our curriculum not only helps student get acquainted with what TOEFL IBT entails, it also provides teachers and students a yardstick with which to assess language competency level. The positive washback effect of TOEFL IBT lessons has also been significant and encouraging.

• **Opting To Take The Standardized TOEFL IBT**

Students who opt to seat for the standardized TOEFL IBT Test at the end of the Academic Year are encouraged to do so. The score achieved by students who choose to take the actual TOEFL IBT Test will be accepted/recognized by the English Preparatory School.

• **Taking Both “The TOEFL-Like Proficiency Exam” And The Actual TOEFL IBT Test**

Students may choose to take both the “TOEFL-Like Proficiency Exam” and the actual TOEFL IBT test. At the completion of both exams, student may choose which of the two scores he/she would want the English Preparatory School to recognize. In other words, the student will present one of the scores as the official score he/she would like the English Preparatory School to enter onto the system. This is the score that will be added to the sum of the total average of each Track (four tracks in total) to arrive at the end of year’s GPA.

- **Time Table / Exam DATE**

The exam schedule and the other details regarding the test will be announced in the near future. Students will be informed by their Advisor Teacher.

### **Nullification of 5 Points For Attendance**

In Track two (2), students who did not exceed a cumulative total of 40 absenteeism hours were rewarded. Five (5) points was added to their total track average. Following the directive of the Rectorate in the beginning of the Spring Term, effective from the beginning of track three (3), henceforth, the decision has been nullified. This implementation will not be carried out in the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) and fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) tracks. In other words, NO extra point will be awarded to any student for attending classes in the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) and fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) tracks.

**Note:** The point given in track 2 (for attendance) remains valid.

- ✓ **Important Reminder:** At the end of this academic year, great importance will be given to the issue of absenteeism. The total accumulated number of absenteeism will be calculated with great diligence. Students who exceed the stipulated limit for absenteeism will be subjected to the appropriate consequence(s) as dictated by the school rules and regulations. Check the Student Handbook for more details that apply to the group you belong to (Degree or Non Degree).