



RULES FOR THE SPELLING BEE CONTEST 6th to 8th Grade

I. JUDGES:

1. Only students and judges will be present in the room of competition.
2. Three (3) judges and a speaker will be appointed.
3. The designated Speaker will pronounce correctly the selected word to the competitor **ONCE**. If the competitor would like to hear the word again, he/she will say “**Please repeat**”. **This request can only be available once for each word.**
4. One judge will have an English dictionary (American Heritage), who will read the first definition that appears for the selected word for the competitor when he/she asks for the definition by saying “**definition please**”. **This request can only be available once for each word.**
5. A second judge will mention a sentence related to the selected word for the competitor when he/she asks for a sentence by saying “**in a sentence please**”. **This request can only be available once for each word.**
6. The third judge is the official Note Taker, who is responsible for listening closely to the letters the competitor is spelling out for the selected word.
7. **All three judges must write down what the competitor is spelling, but only the official Note Taker will state correct or incorrect to the competitor once he/she is finished spelling the word.**

II. COMPETITORS:

8. All competitors will be appointed a number for their identification, through a selection of a lottery.
 9. All students will be seated. Each student will stand up when called upon to spell. The remaining students will wait silently.
 10. Words are selected randomly.
 11. The competitor mentions the word before spelling it and afterwards.
 12. **THE COMPETITORS MUST SPELL THE WORD USING AN ACCURATE PACE.**
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13. In the case of a proper noun, competitor must say “**capital ___**”and then continue to spell the word. When there is a word with an apostrophe he/she must also mention it in its proper position.
14. SHOULD THEIR BE A DOUBLE LETTER IN A WORD, THE COMPETITOR MUST MENTION THE LETTER TWICE.
15. In the occurrence that a competitor should pause or rethink, they will have one opportunity to re-spell the word without changing the order of the letters previously mentioned by saying “**Time Please**”
16. Time limit for spelling the word after saying “Time Please” is of ten (10) seconds.
17. Once competitor has completed spelling the word he/she will take a seat.

III. ELIMINATION:

18. JUGDES WORD IS FINAL.
19. Eliminations occur by rounds.
20. If they have spelled it correctly they move on to the next round.
21. If they have spelled it incorrectly they will be eliminated and removed at the end of the round.

IV. END OF SPELLING BEE ROUND:

22. During the finalist round (last two competitors), the same word will be given to the next competitor when the word is misspelled by the other student.
23. In case the word is misspelled by both finalists a new word is chosen.
24. The last student that has spelled every word correctly will be the winner.
25. Second and third place winners are appointed according to their standing at the end of the round in which the winner prevailed.

NOTE:

-There are four students in a round competing. One spells correctly and the other three misspell. First place is given to the person who spells word correctly. The other three compete for second place. After second place winner is selected, third place selection begins with remaining competitors eliminated in the round. He/she who spells the word correctly is third place winner.

REPEAT RULES 21 AND 22 FOR SECOND AND THIRD PLACE

-Students must wear their school uniform throughout regional and central level competitions.
