



SOLANO COUNTY

2024 Elementary Spelling Bee



Competition Rules

Updated January

1. This is a written competition in which students will be eliminated after their second misspelling. Paper and a pencil will be provided during the contest.
2. Words used in the competition are chosen randomly prior to the competition from Webster's Third New International Dictionary. During the competition, the words used in each successive round increase in difficulty.
3. In competition, no language of origin will be provided. It is the responsibility of the student to understand the word from the pronunciation, definition, and sentence.
4. The Spelling Bee Pronouncer will say the word, give the definition, provide the word in a sentence, and then say the word one more time. Once you begin to spell a word, cross it out if you feel you are incorrect and write again on the same line. Students will have 15 seconds to finalize their spelling.
5. When a speller is given the definition of a homonym, they must spell the word defined.
6. Students may write the word as many times as needed before the 15 second's end. However, all words except the one to be submitted for judging must be crossed out at that time. Words should be printed clearly.
7. The monitors will check each word and note whether the word is spelled correctly or not. If the word is correct, the word is left alone. If the word is incorrect, the word is circled in red.
8. Once the monitors are done checking the speller's words, the pronouncer will spell the word orally for the audience.
9. A speller can miss two words before being eliminated from the competition. After the second misspelled word, the speller will be escorted back to the registration table to exchange their ID for a special gift.
10. The final student with less than two misspelled words will be recognized as the Solano County Spelling Bee Champion. The second to last student will be recognized as the first runner up. Both spellers will advance and represent Solano County at the state competition in April.
11. Students will use their ID number to determine his/her seating assignment. This will be provided at registration.
12. No protests will be allowed for the 2024 written competition.
13. Once the competition begins, spellers must remain in the competition area. Restroom breaks will be scheduled in-between various rounds.
14. To minimize disruptions during this competition we ask audience members to turn off cell phones and other electrical devices.

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15. All students must have a student release form completed by a parent or guardian prior to the start of the spelling bee.