

ARCADIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

2024



Spelling Bee

February 2, 2024

2024 SPELLING BEE RULES AND REGULATIONS FORM

Name: _____

- I have received a copy of the ACS Spelling Bee rules and regulations.
- My child and I have read and agree to adhere to the ACS Spelling Bee rules and regulations.

Parent/Guardian signature _____ Date _____

I would like to help judge the Spelling Bee (two judges per class will be allowed. This will be given on a first come basis)

**Please sign this form and return to your teacher no
later than Friday January 12, 2024**

1. A note pad and pencil will be available on the lectern for spellers to write the spelling word (for their use) but speller must then spell the word orally for competition. Paper and pencil will not be allowed except as provided on the lectern.
2. In competition, spellers may pronounce words before spelling, after spelling, or not at all. However, you are encouraged to pronounce the word BEFORE spelling to ensure that you heard the word correctly. For example, if you are given the word baseball and you spell baseballs, your spelling will be considered incorrect. Or, if you are given absence and you spell absent, your spelling will be considered incorrect.
3. Once you begin to spell a word, you will not have a chance to change letters once pronounced. A speller may repeat the word orally, provided letters and their sequence are not changed. The speller must indicate words with apostrophes, capitals and other punctuation marks, and any accent marks either over the letter or at the end of the word.
4. At any time a speller may request that a word be re-pronounced, defined, or used in a sentence. The Reader shall grant the request(s) until the judges agree that the word has been made reasonably clear to the speller. The Reader will not syllabify (divide into syllables) the word or provide the part of speech or the language of origin.
5. Judges may disqualify any speller who ignores a request to start spelling the word within a reasonable time.
6. Info definition of a homonym is given, the correct spelling of either word shall be accepted as correct. When a speller is given the definition of a homonym, he or she must spell the word defined.
7. When a speller fails to spell a word correctly, they must drop out of the competition. The Reader will announce the correct spelling of the word and a greeter will present a certificate of participation to the student. Another word shall be given to the next speller in line. The last speller standing will be the winner.

8. In the opening rounds of competition, words will be chosen from the 2023 Study Word List. In subsequent rounds, the words will be chosen from a variety of sources.
9. In the event of a protest or dispute, decisions shall be based on “Webster’s New World Dictionary, Third College Edition” the official contest dictionary. No other source shall be allowed.
10. There is an element of chance in this contest. Spellers will be eliminated in the order in which they misspell words. The last speller standing will be the First Place winner. At the conclusion of our competition, three winner medals will be given out for First, Second and Third Place.
11. When only two spellers remain, the elimination procedure changes. At that point, when a speller misspells a word, the other speller will be given the opportunity to spell the same word.
 - ◆If the second speller spells the word and the next word correctly, the second speller will be declared the champion.
 - ◆If one of the last two spellers misses a word and the other, after correcting the error, misspells the new word, both will continue in the contest with a new word.
 - ◆If both spellers misspell the same word, both shall continue in the contest and a new word will be given.
12. The Judges and Reader will be in complete charge of the contest. Their decision will be final in all questions. Any problem relating to the spelling of a word must be referred to the Judges immediately (before the beginning of the next round). No protest will be entertained after the contest has ended.
13. Spellers will be seated in a random order selected by each student drawing a number.
14. To minimize disruptions during this competition we ask audience members to turn off cell phones and pagers.
15. As a courtesy to remaining contestants and their families, all spellers are encouraged to stay through the awards ceremony.

Spelling Bee Groups

1st - 2nd

3rd - 4th

5th - 6th

7th - 8th

Certificate for top 5 spellers and medals will be given for first, second and third place winners.

Volunteers

We will need volunteers from each class:

Three judges per class. (each judge will judge other class competitions. Example: 1st grade parents will judge 3rd-4th group.)

Each group will have three judges

Instructions for Judges

Thank you for helping as a Judge at our Spelling Bee! Below you will find the Instructions for Judges for use during the Spelling Bee Competition on the day of the Bee.

Judges Roles:

1. Word Master : (ACS teacher) reads the word to be spelled and confirms with judges that the word is spelled correctly. Oversees the Judge Word List Form.
2. Spelling Checkers: two judges who will confirm the word is spelled correctly
3. Dictionary Master: Will look up word in dictionary. When Speller ask for definition, the Dictionary Master will read the words meaning.

Example: **Word** excellent
Def. extremely good; outstanding.
Sentence *"their results are excellent"*

You should have the following:

- Spelling Bee Word List
- Spelling Bee Rules
- Judge's Form

Proper Contestant Spelling procedure:

- The contestant SHOULD say the word, spell the word, then say the word again. They are not disqualified if they spell the word correctly.
- The contestant MUST indicate all capital letters. For example, Rhode Island should be spelled as follows: "Capital R-h-o-d-e capital I-s-l-a-n-d."
- Homonyms are asterisked. The pronouncer will read the definition of all homonyms, or even near homonyms (sentry, century).
- If a contestant chooses to begin spelling a word again, he or she must retrace all letters exactly as already given. When the contestant has spelled a word incorrectly, the proper spelling is then given by the Pronouncer.

Proper Use of the Judge's Word List Form:

1. Write the number of the contestant next to the word being spelled.
2. Follow the spelling as the contestant gives each letter.
3. If the contestant makes an error, indicated what the error is next to the word.
4. Alternatively, you may choose to follow along as they spell their word indicating an error by circling or crossing out incorrect letter directly on the word list.
5. If you as a judge do not understand or hear the contestant adequately, you may ask the contestant to repeat the spelling.
6. Please indicate the end of each round by drawing a line under the last word of the round on your Judge's Form. A round is one complete circuit of contestants