ALERT! Upon enrolling with Scripps online at www.spellingbee.com and upon payment to Scripps National Spelling Bee of the appropriate enrollment fee, the following four levels of competition are necessary in order to participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in the Washington, D.C., area. Please contact your coordinator for the exact date of your school or system Spelling Bee. A SCHOOL, SYSTEM, OR HOME SCHOOL CANNOT HAVE ITS SPELLING BEE UNTIL AFTER OCTOBER 17, 2020. See pages 3-5 in the GAE (Georgia) State Spelling Bee Procedures, Rules, and Regulations (PRR) at www.gae.org/spellingbee for eligibility.

December 20, 2020
DEADLINE ................. School Spelling Bees and Home School Association Bees must be held between October 15, 2020 and December 20, 2020. Please plan alternate dates for inclement weather.

January 30, 2021
DEADLINE ................. System Spelling Bees
                         Home School Multi-Association Spell-Off
                         Please plan alternate dates for inclement weather.

ALERT! Complete and submit the digital Region Qualifier Form(s) or download, complete and mail the form to your Region Spelling Bee Consultant at www.gae.org/spellingbee.

February 27, 2021
10:00 a.m. ................. GAE Regions 1 – 9 & Georgia Independent School Association (GISA) Bees (Alternate weather date February 28, 2021)

REMEMBER! In case of inclement weather in your area on the date of your Region Spelling Bee, please contact your Region Consultant PRIOR to attending.

March 19, 2021
11:00 a.m. ................. GAE State Spelling Bee
                         Georgia State University – Student Center
                         Atlanta, GA

June 1-3, 2021....... Scripps National Spelling Bee
Dear Spelling Bee Coordinator:

The spelling bee committee of the Georgia Association of Educators (GAE) has been planning for another successful spelling bee program for the school year. GAE is again proud to offer Georgia students an opportunity to exhibit their proficiency in the art of spelling and, just as importantly, vocabulary. If a contestant is successful at the school system level, then he/she will have the opportunity to advance to the region competition. The region winners and runners-up compete in the state spelling bee with the state winner advancing to the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

This school year, the Scripps National Spelling Bee enrollment period began in May 2020 and will go through December 20, 2020. For students to be eligible to compete in the 2021 Scripps National Spelling Bee, their schools/home schools must be enrolled, and they must have paid the Scripps’ enrollment fee by the deadline of December 20, 2020. Early Bird School Enrollment Fee is $175 / $120 for Schools and Home School Associations/Single Family Homeschools from now until October 15, 2020. The Standard School Enrollment Fee is $250 / $195 from October 16, 2020 until December 20, 2020. You can enroll online with Scripps at www.spellingbee.com.

To ensure a successful local spelling bee, it is important for you to utilize the products and resources described in the Procedures, Rules, and Regulations (PRR) on pages 34-35 and to follow the GAE official procedures, rules, and regulations for spelling bees, which are listed on pages 7-12. To access Georgia’s State Spelling Bee (PRR) go to http://www.gae.org/spellingbee. NOTE: According to Scripps, their spelling bee rules apply only to the competition at the national level; therefore, please refer to Georgia’s rules in this PRR.

Please note that we are continuing to emphasize the need to implement a minimum of one vocabulary round at both your school and county bees and spell-offs. Vocabulary has now become an equal factor in how far state representatives advance at nationals. Remember, schools can access vocabulary and spelling resources via their Scripps’ registration that can then be shared with participating contestants. GAE is also providing resource links at www.gae.org/spellingbee. GAE will be implementing vocabulary rounds at both the region and state levels. We feel our students must begin to learn their vocabulary as well as the actual dynamics of spelling (rather than just simple rote word memorization).

Should circumstances dictate that you cannot do an on-site spelling bee, Scripps is providing a virtual platform to conduct one. More information is available upon registration at spellingbee.com.

The spelling bee consultants/committee and I hope you have a great year planning and implementing your bee!

HAPPY S-P-E-L-L-I-N-G!

Lisa Morgan, President
Georgia Association of Educators
The Georgia Association of Educators would like to give a special

Thank You

to the Georgia State University for hosting the

2020 GAE State Spelling Bee
The GAE Spelling Bee Committee

would like to give

Special Thanks To

Barbara Baylor

for

Her many years of untiring dedication as

Spelling Bee Committee Consultant
to her students in

GAE Bee Region Two

All the best in your new endeavors!
The GAE Spelling Bee Committee would like to give Special Thanks To

Dexter Peeples for Stepping in and taking over as Spelling Bee Committee Consultant in GAE Bee Region Three

Thank you, Dexter!
CONGRATULATIONS!

Arushi Kumer
Age 14, 8th Grade
River Trail Middle
Fulton County Schools

Kiran Chaudhary, Mother
Prasun Kumar, Father

STATE SPELLING BEE CHAMPION
March 13, 2020
Georgia State University
Atlanta, Georgia

REGION FOUR SPELLING BEE WINNER
February 22, 2020

Congratulations Arushi
On your recognition from Nationals!
CONGRATULATIONS!

Ananya Augustine
Age 12, 6th Grade
Eagle’s Landing Middle
Henry County Schools

Siney Augustine, Mother
Anil Augustine Pulikkakunnel, Father

STATE SPELLING BEE RUNNER-UP
March 13, 2020
Georgia State University
Atlanta, Georgia

REGION FIVE SPELLING BEE WINNER
February 22, 2020

Congratulations Ananya
On your recognition from Nationals!
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The objectives of the Spelling Bee are to:

- help students spell quickly and accurately;

- enhance students’ understanding of vocabulary in relation to spelling;

- promote students’ correct word usage in meaningful activities;

- help students correct misspelled words automatically;

- help students learn to compete;

- provide an environment to promote students’ self-esteem, character development, and sportsmanship; and

- help students learn the dynamics of actual spelling versus simple rote memorization.
INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SCRIPPS NATIONAL SPELLING BEE

This school year, 2020-2021, the Scripps’ National Spelling Bee “Early Bird” enrollment period is now through October 15, 2020. For students to be eligible to compete in the 2021 Scripps National Spelling Bee, their schools or homeschool associations/single family home schools must be enrolled and they must have paid the Scripps $175/$120 enrollment fee by the deadline of October 15, 2020. You can enroll online with Scripps at www.spellingbee.com. A “Standard” registration fee for schools or home school associations/single family home schools of $250/$195 (includes a $75 late fee) will apply between October 16, 2020 and December 20, 2020. SCHOOLS WILL NOT BE ENROLLED AFTER DECEMBER 20, 2020. Schools must pay the fee to Scripps, but no other fees should be assessed to participate in a Bee at any other level. See pages 26, 30-31 for school/system eligibility.

Benefits to Schools that Pay the Fee

Along with satisfying an eligibility requirement for students, enrollment provides the following:

- 2021 School Spelling Bee Study List
- 2021 Words of the Champions (includes 800 new words for 2021)
- 2021 Classroom Pronouncer Guide
- 2021 School Pronouncer Guide
- Customizable Certificates
- 2021 Great Words, Great Works Reading List
- 2021 Rules for Local Spelling Bees
- NEW: Online Test tool for use at the classroom and/or school levels

GAE Spelling Bee Products and Resources

It is important for you to follow the GAE official procedures, rules, and regulations for your spelling bee which are available online at www.gae.org/spellingbee on pages 7-12 of the GAE State Bee Procedures, Rules and Regulations booklet. According to Scripps National Spelling Bee, local Georgia spelling bee officials should check with Georgia state spelling bee officials for the rules in effect in the GAE Spelling Bee. Scripps’ rules, at the local level, are not recommended; therefore, GAE will not render a decision relating to the conduct of local spelling bees using Scripps’ spelling bee rules. Please see GAE Spelling Bee “Products” and use the GAE Spelling Bee “Order Forms” on pages 34-35 for spelling bee supplies.
STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
for
Public, Charter, GISA, Online/Virtual, Parochial,
Private, and Home School Associations

For a student to participate in the 2021 GAE Region, State, and Scripps National Spelling Bees, the student’s school or home school association/single family homeschool must enroll online at www.spellingbee.com and must have paid its enrollment fee of $175/$120 to Scripps National Spelling Bee between now and October 15, 2020. Beginning October 16, 2020 the fee increases to $250/$195 (includes a $75 late fee). SCHOOLS WILL NOT BE ENROLLED AFTER DECEMBER 20, 2020. See pages 26, 30-31 for school/system eligibility.

A student who meets the above requirement and the following criteria may participate in the Bees:

(1) The speller must not have won a Scripps National Spelling Bee championship in the Washington, D.C area.

(2) The speller must attend a school that officially enrolled with the SNSB between May 1, 2020 and no later than December 20, 2020.

(3) The speller must not have passed beyond the eighth grade on or before February 1, 2021 and must at a minimum be in the fourth grade.

(4) The speller must not have repeated any grade for the purpose of extending spelling bee eligibility. If the speller has repeated any grade, the speller must notify the SNSB of the circumstances of grade repetition by March 31, 2021; and the Scripps National Spelling Bee will, in its sole discretion, determine the speller’s eligibility status on or before April 30, 2021.

(5) The speller—or the speller’s parent, legal guardian, or school official acting on the speller’s behalf—must not have declared to another entity an academic classification higher than eighth grade for any purpose, including high school graduation equivalency or proficiency examinations and/or examinations such as the PSAT, SAT, or ACT.

(6) The speller must not have earned the legal equivalent of a high school diploma.

(7) The speller must not have completed nor ever been enrolled in more than six high school–level courses or two college-level courses on or before April 30, 2021.
(8) The speller must not bypass or circumvent normal school activity to study for spelling bees. The SNSB defines normal school activity as adherence to at least four courses of study other than language arts, spelling, Latin, Greek, vocabulary, and etymology for at least four hours per weekday for 34 of the 38 weeks between August 28, 2020, and May 14, 2021.

(9) The speller must not have reached his/her 15th birthday on or before August 31, 2021.

(10) The speller must have been declared a champion of a final local spelling bee on or after February 1, 2021.

(11) The speller must not have been disqualified at any level of a sponsor’s spelling bee program between July 2020 and April 2021. Further, if the speller becomes disqualified at any level of a sponsor’s spelling bee program before April 2021, the speller will be disqualified from competing in the 2021 Sponsor/State Spelling Bee and may not seek advancement in the Bee program through another sponsor and/or enrollment in another school.

(12) The speller, upon qualifying for the 2021 Spelling Bee Program in the Washington, D.C. area must submit a completed Champion Bio Profile, a signed Certification of Eligibility Form, a signed Appearance Consent and Release Form, and a hard copy photo. The speller will notify SNSB, at least 24 hours prior to the first day of competition in the 2021 Spelling Bee, if any of the statements made on the Certification of Eligibility Form are no longer true or require updating. The speller’s sponsor will provide access to the necessary forms. SNSB may disqualify prior to or during competition any speller who is not in compliance with any of the above Eligibility Requirements; and it may—at any time between the conclusion of the 2020 National Spelling Bee and April 30, 2021—require any speller who is found to have not been in compliance with any of the Eligibility Requirements to forfeit any prizes, rank, and other benefits accorded to the speller as a result of participation in the 2020 Spelling Bee.

PUBLIC, CHARTER (System or County), GISA, and ONLINE/VIRTUAL SCHOOLS

An eligible public, charter, GISA (member of the Georgia Independent School Association), or online/virtual school that has paid the $175 enrollment fee to Scripps National Spelling Bee shall hold a school spelling bee after October 15, 2020, and by December 20, 2020. The individual school winners shall participate in the Bee conducted by the system to which their school reports by January 30, 2021. The winner of the system bee shall participate in the region spelling bee for the area in which he/she is enrolled in school. It is the responsibility of the school or the system to be sure the qualifier form(s) is received by the GAE Region consultant by February 6, 2021, and assure the winner(s) gets to the Region Bee on February 27, 2021. The winner(s) will represent the system (e.g., Cobb County, Dooly County, Rome City, Houston County, etc.).
NON-GISA PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

To qualify for the GAE region bee, a parochial school that is not a member of the Georgia Independent School Association (GISA) and has paid the $175 enrollment fee to Scripps National Spelling Bee shall hold a school spelling bee after October 15, 2020, and by December 20, 2020. If there are four (4) or more parochial schools in a region, the parochial schools must have a spell-off* by January 30, 2021, and send the top three (3) spellers, who must be from three (3) separate enrolled schools to the region bee. If there are three (3) or fewer parochial schools in a region, each parochial school will send a winner to the GAE Region Bee. The parochial school shall forward the qualifier form(s) to the GAE Region Consultant by February 6, 2021. It is the responsibility of the parochial school(s) to assure the winner(s) gets to the GAE Region Bee on February 27, 2021.

NON-GISA PRIVATE SCHOOLS

To qualify for the GAE region bee, a private school that is not a member of the Georgia Independent School Association (GISA) and has paid the $175 enrollment fee to Scripps National Spelling Bee shall hold a school spelling bee after October 15, 2020, and by December 20, 2020. If there are four (4) or more private schools in a region, the private schools must have a spell-off* by January 30, 2021, and send the top three (3) spellers, who must be from three (3) separate enrolled schools to the region bee. If there are three (3) or fewer private schools in a region, each private school will send a winner to the GAE Region Bee. The private school shall forward the qualifier form(s) to the GAE Region Consultant by February 6, 2021. It is the responsibility of the private school(s) to assure the winner(s) gets to the GAE Region Bee on February 27, 2021.

HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION / INDIVIDUAL HOME SCHOOL FAMILY

To qualify for the GAE Region Bee, the home school association must pay the $175 enrollment fee or $120 per home school family, to Scripps National Spelling Bee. The home school/association shall hold a school spelling bee after October 15, 2020, and by December 20, 2020. Enrolled home school families must compete with a home school association, if applicable. If there are four (4) or more home school associations/organizations in a region, the associations/organizations must have a spell-off* by January 30, 2021, and send the top three (3) spellers, who must be from three (3) separate enrolled home school associations to the region bee. If there are three (3) or fewer associations/organizations in a region, each association/organization will send a winner to the GAE Region Bee. The home school association/organization shall forward the qualifier form(s) to the GAE Region consultant by February 6, 2021. It is the responsibility of the home school association(s)/organization(s) to ensure the winner(s) gets to the GAE Region Bee on February 27, 2021.

*You will be notified by email if your school/homeschool association/single family homeschool will need to conduct a spell-off.
IMPLEMENTING YOUR SPELLING BEE
NOTE: Spellers, parents, teachers, and spelling bee officials are encouraged to read these rules prior to any spelling bee. Spelling Bee Officials are the caller, judges, coordinator, and sponsor. These Georgia rules are designed to assist spelling bee officials and spellers at the local level. These Georgia rules and regulations are not the rules in effect at the Scripps National Spelling Bee. The National Spelling Bee operates under a different set of rules called the Contest Rules of the 2021 Scripps National Spelling Bee. Scripps’ rules contain provisions that are specific to unique conditions at that event. Their implementation at the local level is not recommended. The Scripps National Spelling Bee has no authority over Georgia spelling bees.

GAE OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SCHOOL, SYSTEM/COUNTY, REGION, AND STATE LEVEL GEORGIA SPELLING BEE

1. To participate in the 2021 Region, State, and Scripps National Spelling bees, the speller’s school/association must have paid the required enrollment fee to Scripps.

2. See Student Eligibility Requirements. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian, local school officials, GAE representatives, and Scripps representatives to verify the eligibility of all Spelling Bee participants.

3. The National Spelling Bee conducts its Bee in both oral and written formats. This includes both spelling and multiple-choice vocabulary. The state is permitted to use either format. Currently, our State Bee is conducted orally and includes vocabulary. This format was chosen because the final levels in the National Bee are totally oral.

4. The Spelling Bee study materials are available online when the school/association has paid Scripps National Spelling Bee the enrollment fee. The school will receive access to a password-protected Web site where it may obtain PDF versions of study materials from Scripps National Spelling Bee. Word lists will be developed from words found in the Merriam-Webster’s Unabridged Dictionary, Online Version (http://unabridged.merriam-webster.com/).

5. PLEASE NOTE: This rule applies to both oral spelling and vocabulary rounds! If only one speller in a round spells/answers correctly, that speller will be declared a finalist. All spellers eliminated in that round will resume spelling/answering in their original order until only one spells/answers correctly. That speller will be declared the other finalist. If all spellers are eliminated in a round, they will all will be reinstated and resume answering in their original order until the two finalists have been determined according to Rule 1 under Competition Between Two Finalists. (See appendix, page 32.) * Have a seating section just offstage for students to sit while waiting until the end of each round to see whether they will be called back up.
6. In an oral vocabulary round, the pronounancer reads aloud the vocabulary question and all options but does not indicate which is correct.

The speller may then answer the question by providing (1) the letter associated with the chosen answer, (2) the chosen answer or (3) both. If the correct answer is identified by, (1) associated letter alone or, (2) by answer alone or, (3) by both correct letter and correct answer, the speller is correct.

Speller's Requests: The pronounancer responds to the speller's requests for the question and/or answer options to be repeated. The pronounancer may also provide the spelling of the word in question.

Homonyms: If a word has one or more homonyms, the pronounancer will indicate which word is in question by spelling the word aloud.

7. In an oral spelling round, SPELLERS SHALL PRONOUNCE THE WORD BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER SPELLING IT; however, no speller will be eliminated for failing to pronounce a word. Failure to capitalize a word or recognize diacritical markings will not be penalized.

8. When a speller fails to spell a word or answer a vocabulary question correctly, he or she must step out of the Bee; a new word shall be given to the next speller.

9. After having started to spell a word or answer a vocabulary question, the speller SHALL NOT be given any opportunity to change the letters, once pronounced. The speller may retrace the letters of the word from the beginning only, provided no letters or their sequence are changed from those first pronounced. If letters and/or their sequence are changed in the respelling, then the speller shall be eliminated.

10. The speller may ask the caller to say the word again, define it, use it in a sentence, provide the part of speech, give alternate pronunciation and/or provide the language of origin of the word before attempting to spell it. Root word questions will not be entertained by the caller or judges. No other information about the etymology or history of a word shall be provided. The caller shall grant all such requests until the judges agree that the word has been made reasonably clear to the contestant. The judges may disqualify any speller who ignores a request to start spelling.

11. If no definition of a homonym is provided by the caller, the correct spelling of either word shall be accepted. When a definition or sentence is given, the speller must spell the correct word.
12. The judges will determine if the word was spelled correctly and if incorrect will provide the correct spelling.

13. Merriam-Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, Online Version (http://unabridged.merriam-webster.com/) shall serve as the final authority for the spelling of words. If more than one spelling is listed for a word that the caller has provided for the speller to spell, any of these spellings shall be accepted as correct if all of the following three criteria are met: (1) the pronunciations of the words are identical, (2) the definitions of the words are identical, and (3) the words are clearly identified as being standard variants of each other. Spellings at other locations having temporal labels (such as archaic, obsolete), stylistic labels (such as substand, nonstand), or regional labels (such as North, Midland, Irish) which differ from main entry spellings not having these status labels shall not be accepted as correct.

14. Words shall be pronounced according to the diacritical markings Merriam-Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, Online Version (http://unabridged.merriam-webster.com/).

15. ANY QUESTION RELATING TO THE PROCEDURES OR THE SPELLING OF A WORD SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE JUDGES IMMEDIATELY. THE DEADLINE FOR MAKING AN OBJECTION IS BEFORE THE AFFECTED SPELLER WOULD HAVE RECEIVED HIS OR HER NEXT WORD HAD HE OR SHE STAYED IN THE BEE.

16. NO OBJECTION SHALL BE ENTERTAINED AFTER THE BEE IS TERMINATED. AN OBJECTION MAY BE FILED BY A PARENT, LEGAL GUARDIAN, OR SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AFFECTED SPELLER. THIS DESIGNATED ADVOCATE IS THE ONLY ONE WHO MAY OBJECT ON BEHALF OF THE SPELLER DURING THE BEE. ONLY THE DESIGNATED ADVOCATE FOR A SPELLER MAY VOICE AN OBJECTION FOR HIS OR HER SPELLER, AND THE OBJECTION CAN RELATE ONLY TO HIS OR HER SPELLER. THE SPELLER MAY NOT ADVOCATE FOR HIMSELF OR HERSELF.

17. TO OBJECT PROPERLY, ONLY THE DESIGNATED PERSON SHOULD STAND AND REMAIN STANDING UNTIL RECOGNIZED BY THE GAE SPELLING BEE COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE WILL IMMEDIATELY INFORM THE JUDGES WHO WILL HEAR THE OBJECTION AT THAT TIME.
18. The judges and the GAE Spelling Bee Committee are in complete control of the Bee. THEIR DECISION SHALL BE FINAL ON ALL MATTERS.

19. No audio recording, video recording, photography, webcasting or streaming of the GAE State Spelling Bee is permitted without expressed permission e.g., press, reporters. Flash photography will only be allowed before or after the bee and during the practice round.

20. In fairness to the spellers, who are already at various levels of nervousness, extraneous noise from small children, excessive coming and going, talking, etc., could pose a distraction and prove very unfair to them. Please respect the bee process and the spellers and do what’s necessary to eliminate such distractions.
COMPETITION BETWEEN TWO FINALISTS
(Please Note: Georgia’s Rules Differ from Scripps)

21. When a round results in only two spellers who have correctly spelled their words and answered their vocabulary questions, they will be declared the finalists. At the Region level, the third place speller is the alternate, while at the State level, the second place speller becomes the alternate. (See example on page 32.)

22. When one finalist misses a word, the other finalist will spell the next word on the caller’s list. If the speller spells that word and the next word on the list correctly, he or she will be declared the winner. If he or she misspells either of those two words, the other finalist will be given the next word on the caller’s list to spell. If that finalist spells the next word and the next correctly, he or she will be declared the winner. If both finalists misspell their word, both shall continue in the Bee and the one who first misspelled his or her word shall be given the next word on the caller’s list to spell. (See example on page 32.)

23. **OBJECTING:** WHEN ONLY TWO SPELLERS REMAIN, AN OBJECTION MUST BE MADE IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE SECOND SPELLER HAS STARTED SPELLING THE WORD GIVEN HIM OR HER.

24. **NO OBJECTION SHALL BE ENTERTAINED AFTER THE BEE IS TERMINATED.** AN OBJECTION MAY BE FILED BY A PARENT, LEGAL GUARDIAN, OR SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AFFECTED SPELLER. THIS DESIGNATED ADVOCATE IS THE ONLY ONE WHO MAY OBJECT ON BEHALF OF THE SPELLER DURING THE BEE. ONLY THE DESIGNATED ADVOCATE FOR A SPELLER MAY VOICE AN OBJECTION FOR HIS OR HER SPELLER, AND THE OBJECTION CAN RELATE ONLY TO HIS OR HER SPELLER. THE SPELLER CANNOT ADVOCATE FOR HIMSELF OR HERSELF.

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RULES MAY CHANGE AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL!
PREPARING
YOUR SPELLING BEE
To participate in a Region Spelling Bee, only the system winner and any additional qualifiers must submit Qualifier form(s) online at www.gae.org/spellingbee to your Region Spelling Bee Consultant no later than Saturday, February 6, 2021. The 20-21 Eligible Spelling Bee Systems on page 26 will show you if your system can send more than one qualifier. The system’s Bee coordinator is responsible for submitting the forms along with a hi-res color photo. Please use this worksheet to prepare before submission.

Please check only one:
- [ ] Public
- [ ] Charter
- [ ] Home School
- [ ] Private (GISA*)
- [ ] Private (non-GISA)
- [ ] Parochial (non-GISA)
- [ ] Online/Virtual

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- [ ] Alternate

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Briefly describe student’s school interests, activities, and honors:

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Name of Advocate

(Circle One) – parent, guardian, school representative

Advocate’s Work Phone ___________________________ Home Phone ___________________________

Advocate’s E-mail ___________________________

Do you have any special needs that affect your ability to perform in the Bee (i.e., hearing impairment, wheelchair, etc.)? If yes, please explain: ___________________________

I certify that the information provided on this form is true to the best of my knowledge and that the qualifier meets all eligibility requirements.

I hereby authorize the Georgia Association of Educators, hereafter referred to as “GAE,” to publish photographs taken of me as well as my name and likeness, for use in GAE’s print, online and video-based marketing materials, as well as other GAE publications. I hereby release and hold harmless GAE from any reasonable expectation of privacy or confidentiality associated with the images specified above.

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Print Name of Qualifier ___________________________

Print Name of Parent or Guardian ___________________________

Print Name of System Bee Coordinator ___________________________

System Bee Coordinator’s Email ___________________________

Telephone No. ___________________________

*School is a member of the Georgia Independent School Association
SCHOOL OR SYSTEM SPELLING BEES

1. EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM SPELLING BEE CHAIRPERSON SHOULD BE A CURRENT GAE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE GAE LOCAL ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT.

2. Each school in a system that has paid its enrollment fee to Scripps is required to hold its own Bee after October 15, 2020 and no later than the established January 30, 2021 deadline.

3. Each system (public, charter [county or system], online/virtual, parochial, private, home school association) is required to hold its own Bee on or before the established January 30, 2021, deadline for system level Bees. Please contact your spelling Bee coordinator for the exact date of your school or system Spelling Bee.

4. All spellers should be present at least 30 minutes before the stipulated start time, but no Bee shall begin before its stipulated hour.

5. The number of qualifiers allocated to each system for the region spelling Bee is determined by the Region Eligibility Equalization Formula (page 29). It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian, local school officials, GAE representatives, and Scripps representatives to verify the eligibility of all spelling Bee participants.

6. The System Spelling Bee Coordinator is responsible for making sure the ONLINE Region Spelling Bee Qualifier Form(s) are submitted to the Region Spelling Bee Consultant (see page ix for list of Region Spelling Bee Consultants). Online Forms must be received by February 6, 2021.

   Suggestion to Spelling Bee Coordinator for system: Have a laptop or tablet on hand for the qualifier(s) and alternate to complete registration before leaving the site after the system Bee. Our required method is for you to use the online form. To access online form, go to (www.gae.org/spellingbee). (See pages 14, 15 and 25).

   The Qualifier(s) in each system must attach a color headshot photo to the Online Qualifier Form.

7. The judges and Spelling Bee Officials are in complete control of the Bees. THEIR DECISION SHALL BE FINAL ON ALL MATTERS.

8. All electronic devices must be turned off during the Bee.
IN THIS DOCUMENT, PLEASE SEE IMPORTANT TIPS for SYSTEM BEE ORGANIZERS!

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SYSTEM SPELLING BEE COMMITTEE

1. Verify student eligibility requirements.

2. Plan and implement the System Spelling Bee.

3. Establish a date and site for the System Spelling Bee. Be sure that the facility:
   a. has adequate lighting;
   b. has sufficient space to accommodate the spellers, officials, and audience;
   c. has a noiseless environment with good acoustics;
   d. has a good public address system; and
   e. has two systems that will provide clear audio and/or visual recordings of the Bee.

4. Your GAE Region Spelling Bee Consultant must receive the name(s) and Online Form of the System Qualifier(s) by February 6, 2021. To access Online Form go to: https://gae.org/community-programs/gae-state-spelling-bee/district-qualifier-forms-print-digital/

5. See that the System Qualifier(s) receives the date and site of the Region Spelling Bee.

6. Ensure that the System Qualifier(s) has a printed copy of the official GAE Procedures, Rules, and Regulations which can be found at http://gae.org/spellingbee.

7. In case of inclement weather or change in system Spelling Bee site or date, notify the system organizers and qualifier(s) promptly.
TIPS FOR BEE ORGANIZERS

Based on comments we have received from sponsors, parents, teachers, and spellers, a **DO and DON’T** list is provided to facilitate the success of your Bee.

1. **DO** verify that school and student eligibility requirements have been met.

2. **DO** go over the rules and regulations with Bee officials **prior** to the Spelling Bee.


4. **DON’T** change boundaries in mid-competition, e.g., switch word lists, go to another level of difficulty mid-round, etc.

5. **DO resolve each dispute or objection as soon as possible.** If a parent or teacher has a complaint, listen attentively and learn from the experience. The parent or teacher may not receive the answer that he or she wants, but knowing that the sponsor is concerned with fairness and prompt action usually has a calming effect.

6. **DO** remind Bee officials that fairness and common sense prevail. It is easier to handle a problem immediately than to attempt righting a wrong after a champion has been declared.

7. **DO conduct a practice round; and a vocabulary round is HIGHLY recommended.**

8. **DO** have a caller and three judges; plan for a back-up caller and judges.

9. **DO** have two systems that will provide clear audio and/or video recordings of the Bee. Be sure to check systems for sound clarity.

10. **DO** make clear the role of the caller is:
    (1) to pronounce the word or definition(s) and give all information requested by the speller (e.g., sentence, definition, word origin, etc.);
    (2) to inform the speller, once the judges cue him/her, that the word was spelled correctly; and
    (3) to repeat the correct pronunciation if he or she feels the speller is pronouncing the word incorrectly, but he/she may not inform the speller that he/she is mispronouncing the word.
11. **DO** make clear the role of the judges is:
   (1) to make sure the speller has pronounced and spelled the word correctly;
   (2) to indicate when the speller spells a word incorrectly or chose the incorrect definition and provide the correct spelling and/or definition; and
   (3) to request a re-pronunciation from the speller until he or she feels the word has been made reasonably clear.

12. **DO** make clear the role of the speller is:
   (1) to gather as much information as possible to help spell the word correctly and/or chose the correct definition, and
   (2) to spell the word correctly or chose the correct definition.

13. **DO** have Spelling Bee certificates and lapel pins that may be purchased. Please see Spelling Bee Order Forms on pages 34-35.

14. All **electronic devices must be turned off during the Bee. Spellers cannot have or wear smart phones, watches, etc. on stage. (Exceptions are considered on a case-by-case basis.)**

15. Please refer to our Bee Guide and FAQs at our website – [www.gae.org/spellingbee](http://www.gae.org/spellingbee) - for additional information.
1. The number of qualifiers allowed each system for the region spelling Bee is determined by the Region Eligibility Equalization Formula (see Spelling Bee Regions on pages 25-26 and the Equalization Formula on page 29).

2. The GAE Region Spelling Bee Consultants will conduct Bees in the nine GAE Spelling Bee Regions and the GISA Unit.

3. The date, time, and place for the Region Spelling Bee sites will be established by authorized persons of the GAE Spelling Bee Committee.

4. Associations may defray the expenses for their region winner and official advocate to participate in the State Bee.

5. **All Region Spelling Bees shall be held on February 27, 2021. The name of the Region Winner, Runner-Up, and Alternate shall be forwarded by the Region Spelling Bee Consultant to GAE Spelling Bee and shall be received no later than March 7, 2021.**

6. If only one system participates and holds a Bee within a region, the GAE Spelling Bee Chairperson must be notified; and the winners shall represent the region in the state competition.

7. Only the Region Winner and Runner-up will be eligible to participate in the State Spelling Bee. In case of illness or other providential reasons, the alternate shall be eligible to replace either speller.

8. No audio recording, video recording, photography, webcasting or streaming of the GAE State Spelling Bee is permitted without expressed permission e.g., press, reporters. Flash photography will only be allowed before or after the bee and during the practice round.

9. **All electronic devices must be turned off during the Bee. Spellers cannot have or wear smart phones, watches, etc. on stage. (Exceptions are considered on a case-by-case basis.)**
PARTICIPATING IN YOUR STATE AND NATIONAL SPELLING BEE
STATE LEVEL SPELLING BEE

1. Participation in the State Bee will be limited to the winner and runner-up from each of the nine GAE Spelling Bee Regions and the GISA Unit that officially enrolled with Scripps National Spelling Bee.

2. The State Bee will be held on March 19, 2021, at 11:00 a.m., at the Georgia State University’s Student Center in downtown Atlanta.

3. The GAE Spelling Bee Committee shall be responsible for organizing and conducting the State Bee.

4. The winner and runner-up from each of the nine GAE Spelling Bee Regions and the GISA Unit Bees shall come to Atlanta for the State Bee with an adult as his/her official advocate.

5. The designated person to officially advocate (parent, legal guardian, school representative) for each Qualifier is to register and will be seated in a special section at the State Bee.

6. Essential expenses will be paid for the winner and runner-up of the Georgia Association of Educators State Bee to participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee. The GAE Spelling Bee Committee will designate the participants official advocate.

7. No audio recording, video recording, photography, webcasting or streaming of the GAE State Spelling Bee is permitted without expressed permission e.g., press, reporters. Flash photography will only be allowed before or after the bee and during the practice round.

8. All electronic devices must be turned off during the Bee. Spellers cannot have or wear smart phones, watches, etc. on stage. (Exceptions are considered on a case-by-case basis.)
NATIONAL SPELLING BEE COMPETITION

1. The Georgia Association of Educators State Spelling Bee representatives (State Winner & Runner-Up) in the Scripps 2021 National Spelling Bee will have met all student eligibility requirements.

2. The State Bee Winner & Runner-Up shall be accompanied by one official advocate selected by the GAE Spelling Bee Committee to the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

3. The National Spelling Bee will be held in June 2021.

4. Scripps National Spelling Bee shall be responsible for organizing, establishing the rules of operation, and conducting the National Spelling Bee.

5. Scripps National Spelling Bee shall provide all participants in the National Spelling Bee with sightseeing opportunities.

6. Scripps National Spelling Bee will award cash prizes to participants in the national contest.
2020–2021 GA REGION ELIGIBILITY SPELLING BEE MAP


Counties in white are ineligible to participate.

Ineligible Spelling Bee Systems on page 30.

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REGION 3
TBA
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REGION 4
Vivian Dawson
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REGION 5
April Swain
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REGION 6
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REGION 7
Melvin Sanders
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REGION 8
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REGION 9
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GISA
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robin@gisaschools.org
2020–2021 ELIGIBLE SPELLING BEE SYSTEMS
(If your system is eligible to send more than one representative, the number is in parentheses.)

REGION 1
- Bartow
- Bremen City
- Calhoun City
- Cartersville City
- Chattooga
- Fannin
- Floyd
- GA School–Deaf
- Gilmer
- Gordon
- Haralson
- Murray
- Paulding (2)
- Pickens
- Polk
- Rome City
- Trion City

REGION 2
- Cherokee (3)
- Cobb (9)
- Dawson
- Forsyth (4)
- Gainesville City
- Habersham
- Hall (2)
- Lumpkin
- Marietta City
- Towns
- Rabun
- Union
- White

REGION 3
- Banks
- Barrow
- Buford City
- Commerce City
- Elbert
- Franklin
- Gwinnett (14)
- Hart
- Jackson
- Jefferson City
- Madison
- Stephens

REGION 4
- Atlanta City (4)
- Carroll
- Carrollton City
- Decatur City
- DeKalb (8)
- Douglas (2)
- Fulton (7)
- Emanuel
- Greene
- Glascock
- Hancock
- Jasper
- Jefferson
- Jenkins
- Johnson
- Jones
- Laurens
- Lincoln
- McDuffie
- Morgan
- Oconee
- Oglethorpe
- Pulaski
- Putnam
- Richmond (2)
- Social Circle
- Taliaferro
- Treutlen
- Twiggs
- Walton
- Warren
- Washington
- Wilcox
- Wilkes
- Wilkinson

REGION 5
- Butts
- Clayton (4)
- Coweta (2)
- Fayette (2)
- Griffin-Spalding
- Heard
- Henry (3)
- Newton
- Rockdale
- McIntosh
- Montgomery
- Pierce
- Screven
- Tattnall
- Telfair
- Toombs
- Vidalia City
- Ware–Waycross
- Wayne
- Wheeler

REGION 6
- Bibb (2)
- Chattahoochee
- Crawford
- GA Acad.–Blind
- Harris
- Houston (2)
- Lamar
- Macon
- Marion
- Meriwether
- Monroe
- Muscogee (2)
- Peach
- Pike
- Schley
- Talbot
- Taylor
- Thomson/Upson
- Troup
- Appling
- Atkinson
- Bacon
- Brantley
- Bryan
- Bulloch
- Camden
- Candler
- Charlton
- Chatham (3)
- Clinch
- Coffee
- Echols
- Effingham
- Evans
- Glynn
- Jeff Davis
- Lanier
- Liberty
- Long

REGION 7
- Clarke
- Baldwin
- Bleckley
- Burke
- Columbia (2)
- Dodge
- Dublin City

REGION 8
- Banks
- Barrow
- Buford City
- Commerce City
- Elbert
- Franklin
- Gwinnett (14)
- Hart
- Jackson
- Jefferson City
- Madison
- Stephens

REGION 9
- Baker
- Ben Hill
- Berrien
- Brooks
- Calhoun
- Clay
- Colquitt
- Cook
- Crisp
- Decatur
- Dooly
- Dougherty (1)
- Early
- Fitzgerald
- Grady
- Irwin
- Lee
- Lowndes
- Miller
- Mitchell
- Pelham City
- Quitman
- Randolph
- Seminole
- Stewart
- Sumter
- Terrell
- Thomas
- Thomasville City
- Tift
- Turner
- Valdosta City
- Webster
- Worth
# 2021 REGION SPELLING BEE SITES

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<td><strong>Georgia Highlands College</strong>&lt;br&gt;Lakeview Building&lt;br&gt;3175 Cedartown Highway&lt;br&gt;Rome, GA, 30161&lt;br&gt;(706) 802-5000</td>
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<td><strong>Peta Murray</strong>&lt;br&gt;1000 Sycamore Lane&lt;br&gt;Woodstock, Georgia 30188&lt;br&gt;(770) 855-1274 (Cell)&lt;br&gt;<a href="mailto:petamurray02@gmail.com">petamurray02@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td><strong>Vivian Lanier Dawson</strong>&lt;br&gt;6204 Saint Charles Ct&lt;br&gt;Lithonia, GA 30058&lt;br&gt;(678) 772-5453 Cell&lt;br&gt;<a href="mailto:vivianlanier@yahoo.com">vivianlanier@yahoo.com</a>&lt;br&gt;Facebook: GAE Region 4 Spelling Bee</td>
<td>To Be Determined&lt;br&gt;Contact: <a href="mailto:gaebee@gae.org">gaebee@gae.org</a>&lt;br&gt;with questions.</td>
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|   | **April Swain**  
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|---|---|---|
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(706) 938-1400 (GISA Office) |
REGION ELIGIBILITY EQUALIZATION FORMULA

In an effort to equalize the representation within the Region Bees, especially for the larger systems, the GAE Spelling Bee Committee utilizes the following equalization formula. The formula is based on the Department of Education’s Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) counts for grades four through eight for the previous year. This formula guarantees each system at least one representative at its Region Bee and up to 14 based on its eligible enrollments.

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Please see Eligible Spelling Bee Systems on page 26 for the number of qualifiers your school system is eligible to send to the Region Spelling Bee. If your system is eligible to send more than one representative, the number is in parentheses.
Scripps National Spelling Bee has declared all public, charter, GISA, online/virtual, parochial, private, and home schools in the following school systems as ineligible to participate in the GAE Spelling Bees.

Catoosa
Dade
Walker
Whitfield
GEORGIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (GISA) SCHOOLS

Academy of Innovation
The Academy of Scholars
Al-Falah Academy
Annunciation Day School
Arlington Christian School
Athens Academy
The Atlanta Academy
Atlanta Girls’ School
Atlanta International School
Atlanta Jewish Academy
Atlanta Speech School
Atlanta Youth Academy
Augusta Preparatory Day School

The Bedford School
Berry Elementary & Middle School
Bethlehem Christian Academy
Brandon Hall School
Brentwood School
Briarwood Academy
Brookstone School
Brookwood School
Bulloch Academy

Center Academy
Chatham Academy
Christian Heritage School
ClearWater Academy
Cliff Valley School
CMCH Elem. & Middle School
Colquitt Christian Academy
CORE Community School
Cornerstone Christian Academy

The Cottage School
Covenant Academy
Creekside Christian Academy
Crisp Academy
Cumberland Academy of Georgia

Darlington School
The Davis Academy
Deerfield-Windsor School
Dominion Christian School

Eagle’s Landing Christian Academy
Eaton Academy
Edmund Burke Academy
Episcopal Day School

Faith Chr. Academy, Waynesboro
Fellowship Christian School
First Preparatory Christian Acad.
First Presbyterian Day School
Frederica Academy
The Friends School of Atlanta
Fugees Academy
Fullington Academy

Fulton Science Academy
Furtah Preparatory School

The Galloway School
Gatewood Schools
George Walton Academy
GRACEPOINT School
Greater Atlanta Christian School

Hancock Day School
Heirway Christian Academy
Heritage Christian Academy
Heritage Preparatory School
The Heritage School
High Meadows School
Holy Innocents’ Episcopal School
Holy Spirit Preparatory School
The Howard School

Imhotep Academy
John Hancock Academy
John Milledge Academy

King’s Ridge Christian School
LaGrange Academy
Lakeview Academy
The Lionheart School
Loganville Christian Academy
The Lovett School
Lyndon Academy

Marist School
McGinnis Woods Country Day
Memorial Day School
Mill Springs Academy
Mount de Sales Academy
Mount Bethel Christian Academy
Mount Paran Christian School
Mount Pisgah Christian School
Mount Vernon School

Notre Dame Academy
Oak Mountain Academy

Pace Academy
Paideia School
Piedmont Academy
The Piedmont School of Atlanta
Pinecrest Academy
Pinewood Christian Academy
Porter Academy
Prince Avenue Christian School
Providence Christian Academy

Rivers Academy
Robert Toombs Christian Academy

Savannah Christian Preparatory
Savannah Country Day School
The Schemck School
Screen Christian Academy
Solid Rock Academy
Southland Academy
Southwest Georgia Academy
Springmont School
St. Andrew’s School
St. Benedict’s Episcopal School
St. Francis School
St. George’s Episcopal School
St. John the Evangelist Catholic
St. Jude the Apostle School
St. Martin’s Episcopal School
Stratford Academy
Strong Rock Christian School
The Swift School

Tallulah Falls School
Tattnall Square Academy
Terrell Academy
Thomas Jefferson Academy
Threshold Community Program
Tiftarea Academy
Torah Day School of Atlanta
Trinity Christian School, Dublin
Trinity Christian Schl, Sharpsburg
Trinity School
Twiggs Academy

Valwood School

The Waldorf School, Atlanta
The Walker School
Wesleyan School
The Westfield School
Westminster Christian Academy
Westminster Schools of Atlanta
Westminster Schools of Augusta
Westwood School
Whitefield Academy
William & Reed Academy
Windsor Academy
Woodward Academy
The E.J. Wright School

Young Americans Christian School

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RULE ELIMINATION SCENARIOS
(Official Rules are on page 7)

**Rule # 5 (pg. 7):**

**Round 15 (only 5 left)**
Speller 1 – Misspells
Speller 2 – Misspells
Speller 3 – Correct
Speller 4 – Misspells
Speller 5 – Misspells
* (Speller 3 is Finalist #1)*

**Round 16**
Speller 1 – Correct
Speller 2 – Correct
Speller 4 – Misspells
Speller 5 – Misspells

**Round 17**
Speller 1 – Correct
Speller 2 – Correct

**Round 18**
Speller 1 – Misspells
Speller 2 – Misspells

**Rule # 21 (pg. 11):**

**Round 16 (only 4 left)**
Speller 1 – Correct:
*Finalist #1*
Speller 2 – Correct
Speller 4 – Misspells
Speller 5 – Misspells

**Round 17**
Speller 1 – Correct
Speller 2 – Correct

**Round 18**
Speller 1 – Correct
Speller 2 – Misspells
Speller 2 – Correct

**WINNER – Speller 2**
**RUNNER-UP – Speller 1**

**Rule # 22 (pg. 11):**

**Round 17**
Speller 1 – Correct
Speller 2 – Correct

**Round 18**
Speller 1 – Correct
Speller 2 – Misspells

**Round 19**
Speller 1 – Misspells
Speller 2 – Correct
Speller 3 – Correct:
*Finalist #2*
Speller 4 – Misspells
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