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GAE SPELLING BEE DEADLINES AND DATES



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. Please contact your coordinator for the exact date of your school or system Spelling Bee. **School Spelling Bees and Home School Association Bees can begin upon registration with Scripps and should be completed by December 31, 2022.** See pages 3-5 in the GAE (Georgia) State Spelling Bee *Procedures, Rules, and Regulations (PRR)* at www.gae.org/spellingbee for eligibility.

December 31, 2022

DEADLINE **School Spelling Bees and Home School Association Bees can begin upon registration with Scripps and should be completed by December 31, 2022.** Please plan alternate dates for inclement weather.



January 28, 2023

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 by February 3, 2023.

February 25, 2023

10:00 a.m. GAE Regions 1 – 9 & Georgia Independent School Association (GISA) Bees **(Alternate weather date March 4, 2023)**



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 17, 2023

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

May 28/June 2, 2023. Scripps National Spelling Bee



PREFACE

August 2022

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 begins August 22, 2022. GAE will end enrollment as of December 31, 2022. For students to be eligible to compete in the 2023 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 31, 2022. The enrollment fee is \$175 / \$120 for Schools and Home School Associations / Single Family Homeschools, respectively. **You can enroll online with Scripps at www.spellingbee.com. If you enroll by September 15, 2022, you will receive a prize code from Encyclopedia Britannica.**

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 page 31 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).

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!

Susan Tallant, Chair
GAE State Spelling Bee Committee

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Georgia Association of Educators

would like to give a special



to the
Scripps National Spelling Bee
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2022
GAE State Spelling Bee

CONGRATULATIONS!



Ananya Augustine
Age 14, 8th Grade
Eagle's Landing Middle School
Henry County Schools

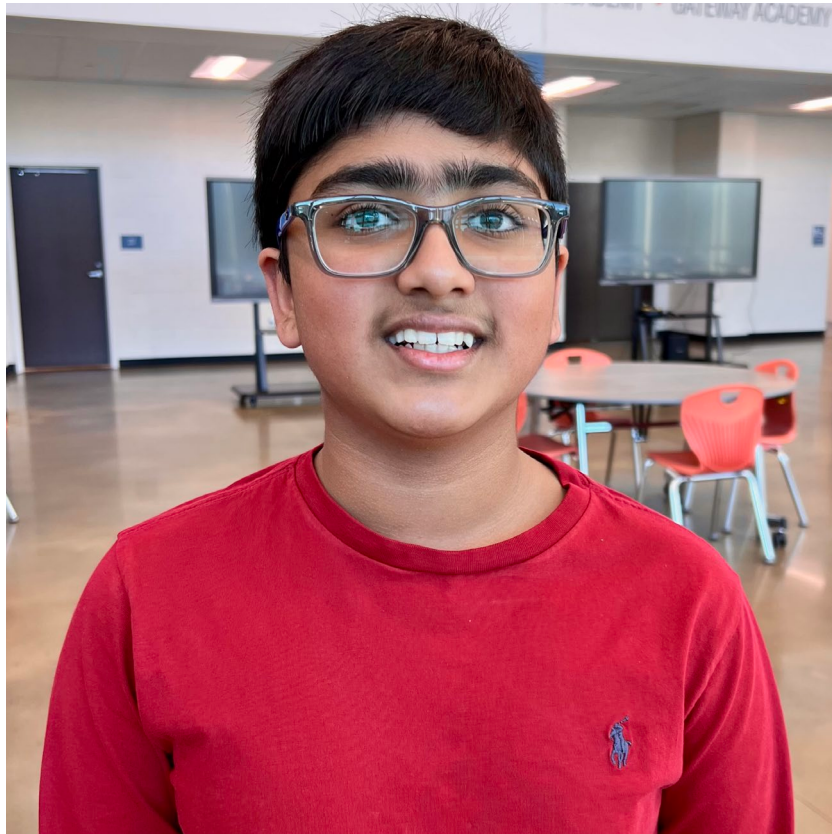
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STATE SPELLING BEE CHAMPION
March 18, 2022
Virtual State Championship

**REGION FIVE VIRTUAL SPELLING BEE
WINNER**
February 25, 2022

Congratulations Ananya!

CONGRATULATIONS!



Nimal Murugan

Age 12, 7th Grade

South Forsyth Middle School

Forsyth County Schools

Priya Murugan, Mother

Morgan Murugan Nguyen, Father

STATE SPELLING BEE RUNNER-UP

March 18, 2022

Virtual State Championship

**REGION THREE VIRTUAL SPELLING
BEE WINNER**

February 25, 2022

Congratulations Nimal!

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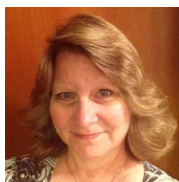
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SPELLING BEE OBJECTIVES

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, 2022-2023, the Scripps' National Spelling Bee enrollment period is now through December 31, 2022. For students to be eligible to compete in the 2023 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 December 31, 2022. You can enroll online with Scripps at www.spellingbee.com. **SCHOOLS WILL NOT BE ENROLLED AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2022. 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 23-25 for school/system eligibility.

Benefits to Schools that Pay the Fee

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

- 2023 School Spelling Bee Study List
- 2023 Words of the Champions (includes 800 new words for 2022)
- 2023 Classroom Pronouncer Guide
- 2023 School Pronouncer Guide
- Customizable Certificates
- 2023 Great Words, Great Works Reading List
- 2023 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 Form" on page 31 for spelling bee supplies.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

for

**Public, Public Charter, GISA, Online/Virtual,
Parochial, Private, State Charter and
Home School Associations**

For a student to participate in the 2023 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 December 31, 2022. SCHOOLS WILL NOT BE ENROLLED AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2022. See pages 23-25 for school/system eligibility.

A student who meets the following requirements and the following criteria may participate in the Bees if:

- A. They are younger than 15 years of age as of August 31, 2022.
- B. They are currently enrolled in third through eighth grade as of August 31, 2022.
- C. They are not a first, second, or third degree relative of any person directly involved in organizing the Spelling Bee.
- D. They represent a school that is enrolled in the Scripps National Spelling Bee's program for the current year.

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 **by December 31, 2022**. The individual school winners shall participate in the Bee conducted by the system to which their school reports **by January 28, 2023**. 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 3, 2023**, and assure the winner(s) gets to the Region Bee on **February 25, 2023**. 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 **by December 31, 2022**. If there are four (4) or more parochial schools in a region, the parochial schools must have a **spell-off* by January 28, 2023**, 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 3, 2023**. It is the responsibility of the parochial school(s) to assure the winner(s) gets to the GAE Region Bee on **February 25, 2023**.

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 **by December 31, 2022**. If there are four (4) or more private schools in a region, the private schools must have a **spell-off* by January 28, 2023**, 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 3, 2023**. It is the responsibility of the private school(s) to assure the winner(s) gets to the GAE Region Bee on **February 25, 2023**.

STATE CHARTER SCHOOLS

An eligible school CHARTERED BY THE STATE OF GEORGIA that has paid the \$175 enrollment fee to Scripps National Spelling Bee shall hold a school spelling bee **by December 31, 2022**. If there are four (4) or more State Charter Schools in a region, the schools must have a **spell-off* by January 28, 2023**, 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 State Charter Schools in a region, each school will send its winner to the GAE Region Bee of which they are located. 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 3, 2023**, and assure the winner(s) gets to the Region Bee on **February 25, 2023**.

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 **by December 31, 2022**. 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 28, 2023**, 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 3, 2023**. 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 25, 2023**.

***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

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 regional partner. 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 2023 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.

NOTE: No audio recording, video recording, photography, webcasting or streaming of the GAE Region and State Spelling Bees 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.

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

1. **To participate in the 2023 Region, State, and Scripps National Spelling bees, the speller's school/association must have paid the required enrollment fee to Scripps.**
2. **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.**

A student who meets the following requirements and the following criteria may participate in the Bees if:

- A. They are younger than 15 years of age as of August 31, 2022.
 - B. They are currently enrolled in third through eighth grade as of August 31, 2022.
 - C. They are not a first, second, or third degree relative of any person directly involved in organizing the Spelling Bee.
 - D. They represent a school that is enrolled in the Scripps National Spelling Bee's program for the current year.
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 be reinstated and resume answering in their original order until the two finalists have been determined according to Rule 21 under Competition Between Two Finalists. (See **pages 11-12 and scenario appendix on page 29.**) * **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 pronouncer 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 pronouncer responds to the speller's requests for the question and/or answer options to be repeated. The pronouncer may also provide the spelling of the word in question.

Homonyms: If a word has one or more homonyms, the pronouncer 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 substandard, nonstandard), 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.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)

20. 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 second finalist. (See scenario example on page 29.)
21. 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 scenario example on page 29.)
22. **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.**
23. **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.**
24. **TO OBJECT PROPERLY, ONLY THE DESIGNATED PERSON SHOULD STAND AND REMAIN STANDING UNTIL RECOGNIZED BY THE GAE SPELLING BEE COMMITTEE. A COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE WILL IMMEDIATELY INFORM THE JUDGES WHO WILL HEAR THE OBJECTION AT THAT TIME.**
25. The judges and the GAE Spelling Bee Committee are in complete control of the Bee. **THEIR DECISION SHALL BE FINAL ON ALL MATTERS.**

26.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.

27.**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 is necessary to eliminate such distractions.**

RULES MAY CHANGE AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL!



PREPARING YOUR SPELLING BEE

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 no later than the established January 28, 2023, 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 28, 2023, 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. **All electronic devices must be turned off during the Bee.**
5. The judges and Spelling Bee Officials are in complete control of the Bees. **THEIR DECISION SHALL BE FINAL ON ALL MATTERS.**
6. To participate in a Region Spelling Bee, the System Spelling Bee Coordinator is responsible for making sure the Region Spelling Bee Qualifier Form(s) are submitted to the Region Spelling Bee Consultant online at www.gae.org/beequalifierform no later than Friday, February 3, 2023 (see page viii for list of Region Spelling Bee Consultants). You will see a form for your winner(s) and a form for an alternate. We must receive separate forms for both. The system's Bee coordinator is also responsible for ensuring the forms include a hi-res color photo.

The number of qualifiers allocated to each system for the Region Spelling Bee is determined by the **Region Eligibility Equalization Formula (page 25). That is the number of winners you are eligible to send. 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.**

The 2022-2023 Eligible Spelling Bee Systems on page 24 will show you if your system can send more than one qualifier. Any number more than 1(one) will be shown in parenthesis next to your system.

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. **Again, to access the online form, go to (www.gae.org/beequalifierform).**

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 (see page 3).**
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.**
 - f. **is in compliance with Federal ADA regulations for access to stage, etc.**
4. **Your GAE Region Spelling Bee Consultant must receive the name(s) and Online Form of the System Qualifier(s), including your alternate, by February 3, 2023. To access Online Form go to: <https://gae.org/beequalifierform>**
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.**

DO'S AND DON'T'S FOR BEE ORGANIZERS

Based on comments we have received from regional partners, 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.
3. **DO** use *Merriam-Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, Online Version* (<http://unabridged.merriam-webster.com/>) as the final authority for all spelling words.
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 regional partner 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. Do ensure your judges have read and understand the rules.
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:
 - (a) to pronounce the word or definition(s) and give all information requested by the speller (e.g., sentence, definition, word origin, etc.);
 - (b) to inform the speller, once the judges cue him/her, that the word was spelled correctly; and
 - (c) 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.

DO'S AND DON'T'S FOR BEE ORGANIZERS

11. **DO** make clear the role of the judges is:
 - (a) to make sure the speller has pronounced and spelled the word correctly;
 - (b) to indicate when the speller spells a word incorrectly or chooses the incorrect definition and provide the correct spelling and/or definition; and
 - (c) 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:
 - (a) to gather as much information as possible to help spell the word correctly and/or chose the correct definition, and
 - (b) to spell the word correctly or choose the correct definition.
13. **DO** have Spelling Bee certificates and lapel pins that may be purchased. Please see Spelling Bee Order Forms on pages 33-34.
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 - for additional information.**

REGION LEVEL SPELLING BEES

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 23-25).
2. The GAE Region Spelling Bee Consultants will conduct Bees in the nine GAE Spelling Bee Regions and the GISA Region.
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 25, 2023. 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 3, 2023.**
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 Region and State Spelling Bees 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.)**



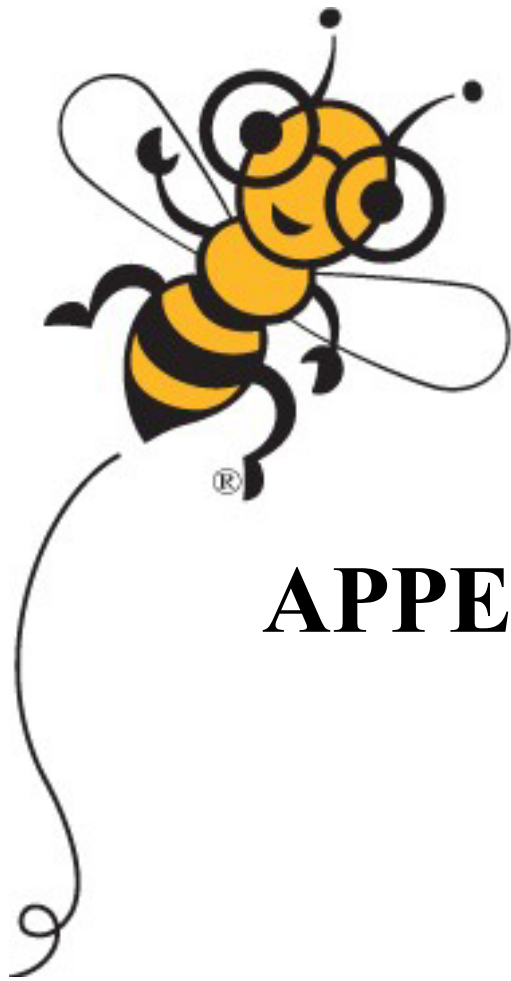
**PARTICIPATING
IN YOUR
STATE AND NATIONAL
SPELLING BEE**

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 Region that officially enrolled with Scripps National Spelling Bee.
2. **The State Bee will be held on March 17, 2023, 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 Region 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 official advocates for the participants.
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

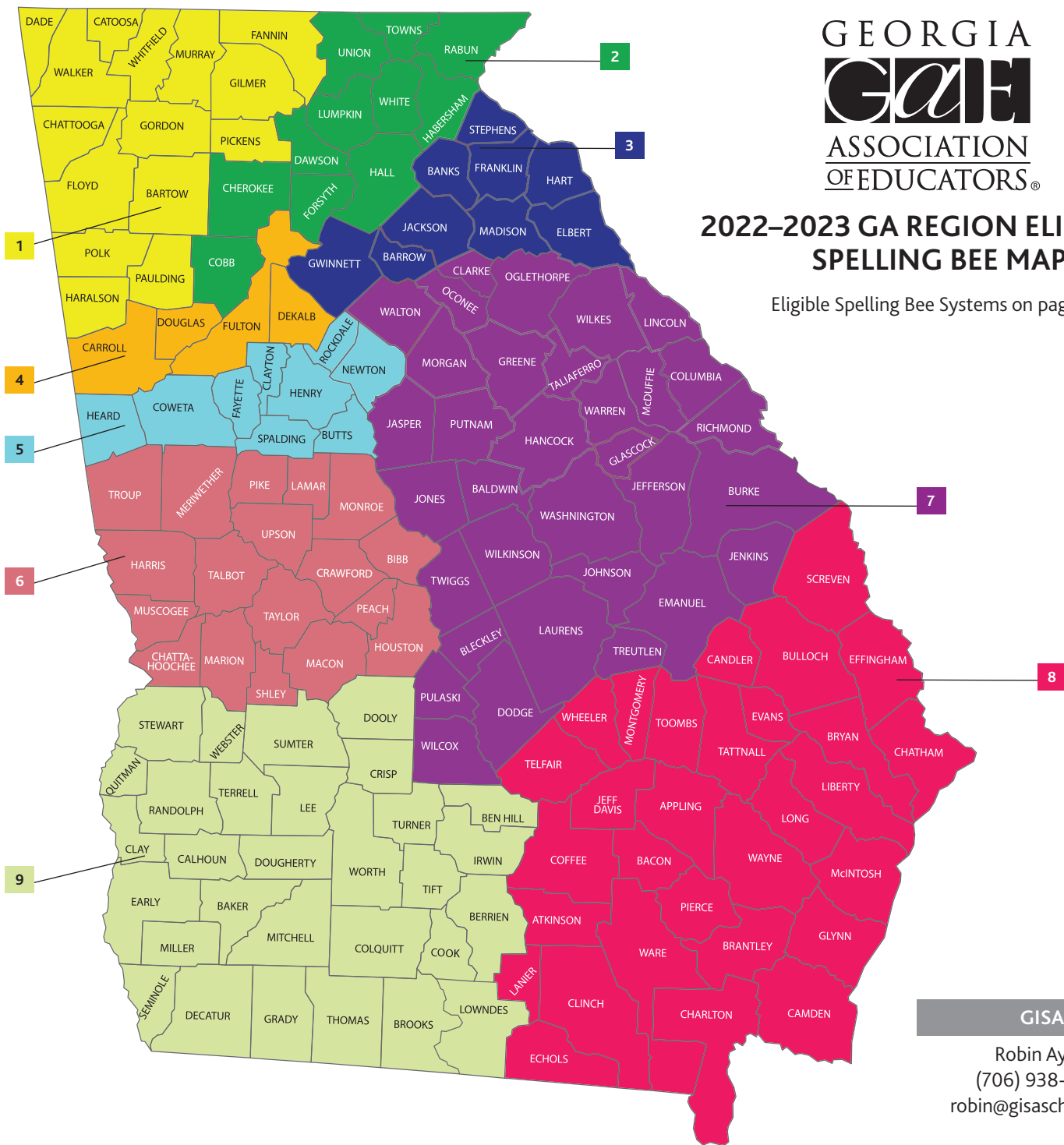
1. The Georgia Association of Educators State Spelling Bee representatives (State Winner & Runner-Up) in the Scripps 2023 National Spelling Bee will have met all student eligibility requirements.
2. The State Bee Winner & Runner-Up shall be accompanied by one official advocate selected by the GAE Spelling Bee Committee to the Scripps National Spelling Bee.
3. **The National Spelling Bee will be held in May 28 – June 2, 2023.**
4. Scripps National Spelling Bee shall be responsible for organizing, establishing the rules of operation, and conducting the National Spelling Bee.
5. SNSB will offer a prize package to certain qualifying Spellers in the competition.



APPENDIX

2022–2023 GA REGION ELIGIBILITY SPELLING BEE MAP

Eligible Spelling Bee Systems on page 24.



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2022–2023 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
Catoosa
Chattooga
Dade
Fannin
Floyd
GA School–Deaf
Gilmer
Gordon
Haralson
Murray
Paulding (3)
Pickens
Polk
Rome City
Trion City
Walker
Whitfield

REGION 2

Cherokee (4)
Cobb (10)
Dawson
Forsyth (5)
Gainesville City
Habersham
Hall (2)
Lumpkin
Marietta City
Rabun
Towns
Union
White

REGION 3

Banks
Barrow
Buford City
Commerce City
Elbert
Franklin
Gwinnett (17)
Hart
Jackson
Jefferson City
Madison
Stephens

REGION 4

Atlanta City (5)
Carroll
Carrollton City
Decatur City
DeKalb (9)
Douglas (2)
Fulton (8)

REGION 5

Butts
Clayton (5)
Coweta (2)
Fayette (2)
Griffin–Spalding
Heard
Henry (4)
Newton (2)
Rockdale

REGION 6

Bibb (2)
Chattahoochee
Crawford
GA Acad.–Blind
Harris
Houston (3)
Lamar
Macon
Marion
Meriwether
Monroe
Muscogee (3)
Peach
Pike
Schley
Talbot
Taylor
Thomaston/Upson
Troup

REGION 7

Clarke
Baldwin
Bleckley
Burke
Columbia (3)
Dodge
Dublin City
Emanuel
Greene

Glascock
Hancock
Jasper
Jefferson
Jenkins
Johnson
Jones
Laurens
Lincoln
McDuffie

Morgan
Oconee
Oglethorpe
Pulaski
Putnam
Richmond (3)
Social Circle
Taliaferro
Treutlen
Twiggs
Walton
Warren
Washington
Wilcox
Wilkes
Wilkinson

REGION 8

Appling
Atkinson
Bacon
Brantley
Bryan
Bulloch
Camden
Candler
Charlton
Chatham (3)
Clinch
Coffee
Echols
Effingham
Evans
Glynn
Jeff Davis
Lanier
Liberty
Long
McIntosh
Montgomery
Pierce

Screven
Tattnall
Telfair
Toombs
Vidalia City
Ware–Waycross
Wayne
Wheeler

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

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 three (3) through eight (8) 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.

FTE	Qualifiers
1 – 7,500 =	1
7501 – 12,500 =	2
12,501 – 17,500 =	3
17,501 – 22,500 =	4
22,501 – 27,500 =	5
27,501 – 32,500 =	6
32,501 – 37,500 =	7
37,501 – 42,500 =	8
42,501 – 47,500 =	9
47,501 – 52,500 =	10
52,501 – 57,500 =	11
57,501 – 62,500 =	12
62,501 – 67,500 =	13
67,501 – 72,500 =	14
72,501 – 77,500 =	15
77,501 – 82,500 =	16
82,501 – 87,500 =	17
87,501 – 92,500 =	18
92,501 – 97,500 =	19
97,501 – 102,500 =	20

Please see **Eligible Spelling Bee Systems** on page 24 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.

GEORGIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (GISA) SCHOOLS

Academy of Innovation
The Academy of Scholars
Al-Falah Academy
Annunciation Day School
Arete Preparatory 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

Calvary Day School, Savannah
Central Fellowship Christian Acad.
Chatham Academy
Christian Heritage School
Citizens Christian Academy
ClearWater Academy
Cliff Valley School
CMCH Elem. & Middle School
Colquitt Christian Academy
CORE Community School
Cornerstone Christian Academy
The Cottage School
Covenant Academy
Crisp Academy
Cumberland Academy of Georgia

Darlington School
David Emanuel Academy
The Davis Academy
Deerfield-Windsor School
Dominion Christian School
Dunwoody Christian School

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

Fellowship Christian School
First Preparatory Christian Acad.
First Presbyterian Day School
Flint River Academy
Frederica Academy
The Friends School of Atlanta
Fullington Academy

Fulton Science Academy
Furtah Preparatory School

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

Hancock Day School
Harvester Christian Academy
Hebron Christian Academy
Heirway Christian Academy
Heritage Christian Academy
Heritage Preparatory School
The Heritage School
Highland Christian Academy
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

The New School, Atlanta
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
Providence School of Tifton

Rivers Academy
Riverside Military Academy
Robert Toombs Christian Academy

Savannah Christian Preparatory
Savannah Country Day School
The Schenck School
Screven 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. 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

2023 REGION SPELLING BEE SITES

Region	GAE Region Bee Consultants Contact Information Send your Region Qualifier forms to them by February 3, 2023	GAE Region Spelling Bee Sites To be held on February 25, 2023
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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

Round 19

Speller 1 – Correct

Speller 2 – Misspells

(Speller 1 is Finalist #2)

GO TO RULE 16

Rule # 21 (pg. 11):

Round 16 (only 4 left)

Speller 1 – Correct:

Finalist #1

Speller 2 – Misspells

Speller 3 – Correct:

Finalist #2

Speller 4 – Misspells

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 2 – Correct

WINNER – Speller 2

RUNNER-UP – Speller 1

REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP

The Georgia Association of Educators (GAE) serves as the Scripps Regional Partner of the Georgia Statewide Spelling Bee. No other agency or institution can serve as Regional Partner of the Spelling Bee including system and region Bees; however, support is welcomed from businesses, institutions, and other agencies as long as the Spelling Bee remains under the auspices of the Georgia Association of Educators and its Consultants.

2022 STATE SPELLING BEE CONTRIBUTORS



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FREE ONLINE GAE SPELLING BEE GUIDE – Everything you need to make your local Bees a success. Download @ www.gae.org/spellingbee

SCRIPPS NATIONAL BEE WEBSITE - www.spellingbee.com

Additional Benefits to Schools that Register with Scripps:

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

- 2023 School Spelling Bee Study List
- 2023 Words of the Champions (includes 800 new words for 2023)
- 2023 Classroom Pronouncer Guide
- 2023 School Pronouncer Guide
- Customizable Certificates
- 2023 Great Words, Great Works Reading List
- 2023 Rules for Local Spelling Bees
- Online Test tool for use at the classroom and/or school levels

The Bee's official dictionary is Merriam-Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, Online Version (<http://unabridged.merriam-webster.com/>).