

CACS Spelling Bee Rules

Specific Rules:

1. Spelling will be conducted in the traditional spelling bee format in a single elimination fashion.
 - a. Students can acquire a copy of the current spelling bee booklet for the Elementary Division by contacting their school administrator.
 - b. Junior and Senior High students will be using the spelling bee material, available online. The website is: www.thespellingchamp.com/spell-it/.
 - c. Elementary Spelling Bee will use Webster's Student Edition dictionary as the final authority in determining correctness of spelling and pronunciation.
 - d. The competition will be tape-recorded.
 - e. Capitalization of a word (whether omitted or added) will not constitute an error.
 - f. Anyone in the audience who talks or attempts to assist a speller in any way will be escorted from the Spelling Bee room.
 - g. Any speller who attempts to obtain assistance from the audience will be eliminated.

2. Spelling Bee Procedures:

- a. All students will form a single line facing the Spelling Master.
- b. Words will be given to each student separately.
- c. The student must say the word, spell the word, and say the word again.
- d. A student will be eliminated upon one spelling error.
- e. Words will be chosen from the student's current grade level Spelling Bee Booklet. If the Spelling Master decides that additional words are necessary, the words will be chosen from the next grade Spelling Bee Booklet. This will be done at the beginning of a new round.
- f. Disclaimer: I will not promise that these will be the only words used in the CACS State Competition. Please be sure that parents and spellers understand this.
- g. The Spelling Master will pronounce the word and then use the word in a sentence.
- h. If the student has a question concerning his/her word, the student may ask to have it re-pronounced or for a definition of the word. After receiving the requested help, the student must then spell the word.
- i. The Spell Master will grant the requests until the Judges agree that the word has been made clear to the student. Judges may call an error against any student who ignores a request to begin spelling.
- j. Having begun to spell a word, a student may stop and begin again but may not change any of the letters or letter orders. If they make any changes the student will be eliminated.
- k. The correct spelling of any incorrectly spelled word will be given, except when only two students remain.
- l. When the students are reduced to two, the elimination procedure changes. At that point, when one student misspells a word, the other student will be given an opportunity to spell that same word. If the second student spells that word correctly, plus the next word on the list, then he will be declared champion.
- m. If one of the last two spellers misspells a word and the other student spells the same word correctly and then misspells the new word given to him, the new word will then be given to the first student. If the first student correctly spells the new word and the next word on the Spell Master's list, then he will be declared champion.
- n. If both spellers misspell the same word, both will continue in the contest; and the one who first misspelled the word will be given a new word to spell. The contest will then continue under rules (l) and (m),**

- o. Any question relating to the spelling of a word will be referred to the Judges immediatel. Only a student speller may lodge a protest. The deadline for lodging a protest will be before the affected student would have received his next word had he not been eliminated. No protest will be entertained after a contested word has been given to another speller. When only two spellers remain, a protest must be made immediately, that is, before the second speller has begun to spell the word, or, if both have missed the same word, before the correct spelling is given to the audience.**
- p. In the event all the words from the Spell Master's list have been exhausted, a tie will be declared between the last two competitors by the Spell Master and the Judges.**
- q. The Judges have complete authority and control. Their decision will be final in any dispute.**
