

Rules for Jacksonville Beach Elementary School Spelling Bee

5th Grade – December 10, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

4th Grade – December 17, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Contestants should report to the stage by 8:40 a.m.

1) Format:

- The spelling bee is conducted in rounds. Each speller remaining in the spelling bee at the start of a round spells one word.
- Our bee uses the double-elimination format. Each speller must spell two words incorrectly to be eliminated. Eliminated spellers will be recognized at the end of each round.
- The bee will begin with a practice round. Words spelled incorrectly during this round will not count toward elimination.
- If none of the spellers remaining in the spelling bee at the start of a round spells a word correctly (resulting in two misspelled words for all competitors), all remain in the competition. If it is the first misspelled word for some spellers, only those spellers will remain in the competition.
- If only one speller remains in the competition after a round, a new one-word spelling round begins in which that speller must correctly spell a word (anticipated championship word) on the list. If the speller succeeds in correctly spelling the anticipated championship word in that one-word round, the speller is declared the champion. If the speller misspells the anticipated championship word in the one-word round, a new spelling round begins with ALL the spellers who participated in the previous round. These spellers spell in their original order. A misspelled anticipated championship word DOES NOT count as a misspelled word for elimination purposes.

2) Speller's Role:

- In a spelling round, the speller makes an effort to face the judges and pronounce the word for the judges before spelling it and after spelling it.
- The speller *while facing the judges* makes an effort to utter each letter distinctly and with sufficient volume to be understood by the judges.
- The speller may ask the pronouncer to say the word again, use it in a sentence, provide the part of speech, provide the language of origin, and/or provide an alternate pronunciation.

3) A word will be judged to be spelled incorrectly if the speller:

- Makes an error in spelling
- Refuses a request to start spelling
- Does not approach the microphone when it is time to receive the word
- Engages in unsportsmanlike conduct
- In the process of retracing a spelling alters the letters or sequence of letters from those first uttered
- In the process of spelling utters unintelligible or nonsense sounds