



Glendale Elementary School District Spelling Bee Information



What will the spelling bee look like this year?

As like many of our educational experiences this year, our Spelling Bee will be done **virtually!** Scripps National Spelling Bee, the organization that holds the finals for the Spelling Bee in Washington D.C. each year, developed an online testing platform that will allow our students to participate, virtually, in the spelling bee this year.

WHO:

All students at all schools are able to participate in the district-sponsored spelling bees.

WHAT:

At each school, grade-level spelling bees will be the first step. Two winners from each grade level will then move to the school-based spelling bee. Then, the top two winners from the school spelling bee will participate in the Glendale Elementary School District Spelling Bee using the same virtual program.

WHERE:

Online! **Parents must register their students for the online spelling bee program.** The school will then create the test and send an invitation to the parent's email address with testing directions and to confirm the dates.

WHEN:

By November 30th	Parents need to visit https://online-test.spellingbee.com to register their student(s).
The week of December 1st	The parent will receive an email with the details about how to log their student in to take their grade-level spelling bee. The grade-level spelling bee window will be during this week.
The week of December 7th	Schools will email the winners and conduct any tiebreakers if needed. Parents of the winners will receive an email with details on when the school-based spelling bee will be.
The week of December 14th	The schools will hold their online site-based spelling bees.
The week of January 4th	Schools will email the winners and conduct any tiebreakers if needed.
The week of January 20th	The GESD Spelling Bee will be held using the same online process. Winners will be notified as soon as possible. The four top spellers will advance to the Regional Spelling Bee with information on how this will be done to be determined.

WHY:

To honor parent choice and health guidelines, the assessment will take place online.

HOW:

Parents are the key to making our spelling bee happen! Parents need to register their students at <https://online-test.spellingbee.com>, listing their current school. Before the grade-level spelling bee, students are encouraged to take the sample test to familiarize themselves with how the test will look.

Visit bit.ly/GESDbee20 to view a video, for parents, on how to register your student.