



Santa Cruz County

Spelling Bee Championship

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- All schools (public and private) may send representatives to the Santa Cruz County Spelling Bee Championship.
- The top two spellers, determined by a site Spelling Championship, are registered for the County Spelling Bee Championship by the Site Coordinator (Bee Advisor).
- There are two divisions: grades 4-6 and grades 7-9.
- The event will be staged at UCSC on Saturday, January 25, 2020 in Classroom Unit #1 and #2 from 12:00 to 3:30pm. **Check-in** is at **12:00** and testing starts at **1:00pm**.
- **It is a written exercise.** Pencil and paper are furnished.
- The spell master will give the word and use it in a sentence. Once the spell master senses that everyone understands the word, he/she will say "START". The contestants will then have 15 seconds to write the word.
- When the timer says "Stop", contestants must put their pens down and the correct spelling of the word will be shown on the screen. Proctors will then mark each paper.
- All spellers will remain in the contest until the end of the contest.
- Approximately 60 – 75 words will be used in the contest.
- The winners will be established at the end of the contest. All Spelling Bee Answer Sheets will be collected and retained by the SC County Office of Education.
- Judges will use Webster's New World Dictionary to answer any question posed by the spellers regarding any contested word. To contest a word, a speller must voice his/her objection before the next word is offered by the spell master. Standard capitalization rules are considered part of a word's correct spelling.
- There will be a 30 minute recess starting at approximately 2:15p.m.
- Free refreshments for participants: apple juice, courtesy of S. Martinelli, and cookies, courtesy of The Pacific Cookie Co.
- The top two Santa Cruz County spellers from each division will be eligible to compete in State Spelling Competitions.
 - Grades 4-6 – An oral competition in Stockton
 - Grades 7-9 – A written competition in San Rafael