

2014 GJSA Middle School Spelling Bee



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NOTES:

You can download for FREE the *2013-2014 State Spelling Bee Procedures, Rules, & Regulations* via the GAE Website at www.gae.org and click on “Programs & Events” then “GAE Spelling Bee” featured on the left menu. You also download the Order form for Spelling Bee Pins, or GAE Spelling Bee Certificates, etc.

The Bee's Official study guide from Merriam-Webster, *2014 Spell-It* is available ONLINE at www.myspellit.com

GISA Middle School Spelling Bee Timetable

October 15, 2013	Deadline to enroll your school to participate in the State Level Spelling Bee via online registration at www.spellingbee.com
December 6, 2013	Confirmation Letter from principals due in GISA Office. Confirmation letter should indicate that the school will send two (2) contestants and should include the name of the faculty member willing to assist in the competitions and in what capacity.
January 24, 2014	Due date for the names of two contestants and two alternates from your school who will be participating in the GISA Unit Bee.
February 6 & 7, 2014*	Round 1 of GISA Middle School Spelling Bees at the five area sites. Two contestants from each GISA school will compete at the designated areas.
February 20, 2014	Rounds 2 & 3 (GISA Unit finals) of GISA Middle School Spelling Bee Competition at Greenfield Hebrew Academy, Atlanta
March 21, 2014	GAE/ <i>Atlanta Daily World</i> State Final in Atlanta, GA
May/June, 2014	National Competition, Washington, D.C.

Please note: No student may compete in Round 2 unless he/she participates and is a top scorer in Round 1. No student may compete in Round 3 unless he/she participates and is a top scorer in Round 2. No student may compete in the GAE State Spelling Bee unless his/her school has enrolled and paid the \$120 school fee (www.spellingbee.com).

Georgia Independent School Association
2014 Middle School Spelling Bee

1. Each GISA school may select two contestants from its school to enter the first round of the GISA Middle School Spelling Bee.
2. An ELIGIBLE STUDENT is any student who:
 - a. is enrolled in Grade 4 and has not passed beyond Grade 8 on or before February 1, 2014;
 - b. has not reached his 15th birthday on or before the date of the national finals on August 31, 2013;
 - c. has not, and neither has his/her parents, legal guardians, relatives, acquaintances nor educators, obtained a copy of the *2014 School Pronouncer Guide* to study for competition;
 - d. has not qualified in GAE/Atlanta Daily World final bee for the national finals by spelling any of the words found in the *2014 School Pronouncer Guide*
3. Each school may set and use its own criteria to select the two contestants who will participate in the first round of the competition.
4. Each school that sends contestants to participate in the GISA Middle School Spelling Bee must also furnish the name of a faculty member from the school who will assist with the competition, if requested on Friday, February 6 or 7, 2014, and Thursday, February 20, 2014.

Round 1 – GISA Unit Bee

5. Round 1 of the GISA competition will be held at the five area sites on either Thursday or Friday, February 6 or 7, 2014. Area sites will include two in Atlanta, one in Macon, Savannah and Albany. School contestants will be assigned to the site in their area.
6. Round 1 will be a written test of 100 words with ten additional “tie breakers.” “Tie breakers” will be used only in the case of ties. **To compete, all competitors must be present when written competition begins. “Late comers” will not be allowed to begin written competition after official word calling begins.**
7. Rules governing written tests for Middle School Spelling Bee are included in this packet..
8. After checking the written tests, judges will post the names of the top scorers. The number of “top scorers” for each area will be dependent on the number of schools eligible for participation in Round 1. The designated “top scorers” from each area will compete in Round 2 at Greenfield Hebrew Academy on Thursday, February 20, 2014.
9. Answer sheets will **not** be returned to participant or faculty advisors.

10. *Certificates of Participation* will be presented to all students who participate in Round 1 of the 2014 GISA Middle School Spelling Bee.

Rounds 2 & 3 – GISA Unit Bee

11. Rounds 2 and 3 will be held at Greenfield Hebrew Academy in Atlanta on Thursday, February 29, 2014.
12. Round 2 will be a written test of 100 words with ten additional “tie breakers.” “Tie breakers” will be used only in the case of a tie. **To compete, all competitors must be present when the written competition begins. “Late comers” will not be allowed to begin written competition after official word calling begins.**
13. Rules governing written tests for Middle School Spelling Bee are included in this packet.
14. After checking the written tests, judges will post the names of the students who will advance to the Finals (Round 3) in the afternoon.
15. Participants in the Round 3 will be the top 20 scorers of the morning written test.
16. Finals (Round 3) will be conducted in the afternoon of Thursday, February 20, 2014. Competition will continue until a winner is determined.
17. Rules governing oral tests for the Middle School Spelling Bee are attached.
18. Plaques will be presented to the top four (4) places. In addition, the winner will receive a \$100 cash award. The runner-up will receive a \$50 cash award.
19. The GISA Winner and Runner-up will participate in the GAE/*Atlanta Daily World* State Finals on March 21, 2014 (if they are registered and paid the fee).
20. The competition on March 21, 2014, will be an oral bee and will follow the rules of oral competition listed in the *State Spelling Bee 2013-14 Procedures, Rules, and Regulations*, published by the Georgia Association of Educators.
21. The winner of the Georgia State Finals will compete at the national competition in Washington, D.C. May, 2014.
22. The official dictionary to be used during all rounds of the Middle School Spelling Bee is *Webster’s Third New International Dictionary* and its Addenda Section copyright 2002.

Contact Information

Round 1 @ 5 Area Sites

Area Sites	Host School	Coordinator	Email Address
Atlanta # 1 – February 7	Mill Spring Academy	Victoria Jones	vjones@millsprings.org
Atlanta # 2 – February 6	Woodward Academy	Carolyn Kramlich	carolyn.kramlich@woodward.edu
Macon – February 6	Mount de Sales Academy	Suzanne Webb	swebb@mountdesales.net
Savannah – February 6	Memorial Day School	Jennifer Farris & Stephanie King	sking@memday.org
Albany – February 7	Deerfield-Windsor School	Suzanne Davis	Suzanne.davis@deerfieldwindsor.com

Each Area Coordinator is responsible for sending directions to their site **to the faculty representatives** of each participating school coming to their site.

Rounds 2 and 3 Thursday, February 20, 2014 Hosted by Greenfield Hebrew Academy, Atlanta*

GISA Spelling Bee Coordinator:

Stella Gordon, Greenfield Hebrew Academy

E-mail: gordons@ghacademy.org

Tel: 404-843-9900

***A faculty representative is expected to be present at Round 2 and Round 3 with any student who competes.**

Directions to Greenfield Hebrew Academy are printed at the bottom of Schedule for Round 2 and 3 on February 20, 2014 (included in this packet).

(GISA Unit Finals Winner and Runner-up will participate in the GAE/Atlanta Daily World State Finals on March 21, 2014, in Atlanta)

GJSA Middle School Spelling Bee

Round 1 Schedule

10:00 am – 10:30 am

Registration

10:30 am

Assembly

10:45 am

Round 1 (Written competition)

12:00 pm – 1:20 pm

LUNCH “on your own”

1:30 pm

Names of TOP SCORERS posted

1:45 pm

Recognition Assembly

(All competitors will be recognized)

GJSA Middle School Spelling Bee
Rounds 2 & 3 Schedule

Thursday, February 20, 2014

@ Greenfield Hebrew Academy, Atlanta

9:00 am – 9:30 am
Registration

9:45 am – 10:45 am
Round 2 (Written Competition)

11:00 am – 12:15 pm
LUNCH “on your own”

12:30 pm – 1:00 pm
Posting of Finalists

1:15 pm
Round 3 (Oral Competition)

At the conclusion of Round 3,
plaques will be presented
to the top four (4) spellers.

Directions to
Greenfield Hebrew Academy
5200 Northland Drive, Atlanta, GA 30342

285W: Exit Peachtree Dunwoody Road (Exit 20). At end of ramp turn left and go under bridge. Continue to the next major intersection which is Johnson Ferry Road. Turn right onto Johnson Ferry Road. The next major intersection is the Glenridge Connector. (At that point Johnson Ferry Road becomes Glenridge Drive). Go through the intersection and through the next traffic light. Stay in left hand lane and turn left at the next street (High Point Road). Go to four way STOP sign and turn left onto Northland Drive. Greenfield Hebrew Academy is on the right.

285E: Exit Glenridge Connector (Exit 18). Turn right onto Glenridge Drive. Continue to intersection of Glenridge Connector and Johnson Ferry Road and turn right onto Glenridge Drive. Go through the next traffic light, stay in left hand lane and turn left onto High Point Road. Go to four way STOP sign and turn left onto Northland Drive. Greenfield Hebrew Academy is on the right.

From Buckhead: Take Roswell Road north to Windsor Parkway (approximately 3-4 miles from the intersection of Peachtree Road and Roswell Road). Turn right on Windsor Parkway. Turn left at first light onto High Point Road. Go to four way STOP sign and turn right onto Northland Drive. Greenfield Hebrew Academy is on the right.

From 400: Exit Glenridge Connector. Turn left at the traffic light onto Glenridge Connector. Turn left onto the continuation of Glenridge Road. Stay in left hand turning lane and turn left at the next street (High Point Road). Go to four way STOP sign and turn left onto Northland Drive. Greenfield Hebrew Academy is the first driveway on the right.

*Eligibility Directives from the sponsors
of the Statewide Spelling Bee of Georgia*

The Statewide Spelling Bee of Georgia is under the auspices of the Georgia Association of Educators (GAE) and the *Atlanta Daily World*. The publishing company, Scripps Howard, however, is the ultimate authority over all participation and eligibility requirements concerning the contests leading to the National Spelling Bee competition. Scripps Howard has the authority to determine which schools may compete in competitions sponsored by newspapers throughout each state in the United States.

Unfortunately, Scripps Howard has eliminated 21 counties from competition sponsored by GAE/*Atlanta Daily World* and has assigned the schools both public and private in these counties to competition sponsored by the newspapers or cable companies. All schools (both public and private) in the following counties are affected.

Burke	Glascok	McDuffie	Walker
Catoosa	Grady	Richmond	Warren
Columbia	Jefferson	Screven	Washington
Dade	Jenkins	Taliaferro	Whitfield
Decatur	Lincoln	Thomas	Wilkes
Emanuel			

Schools in these counties must now enter competition sponsored by the *Augusta Chronicle*, *The Chattanooga Times*, or *The Tallahassee Democrat* as presently assigned by Scripps Howard.

Ten (10) GISA schools are affected by this decision. They are listed below. We regret this decision tremendously. Some of the schools affected are ones who have participated in the GISA Middle School Spelling Bee from its beginnings and their students and faculty have given wonderful support to the program.

As sponsors of the competitions on February 6th or 7th and February 20th, GISA invites students from these ten schools to participate in Round 1 competition, and if a top scorer, in Rounds 2 and 3 accordingly. However, one directive must be made very clear to each student who participates from these ten schools. **NO STUDENT FROM ONE OF THE SCHOOLS LISTED BELOW WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE COMPETITION ON MARCH 21, 2014.**

If a student from one of the ten schools is one of the two top scorers in Round 3 of GISA competition, he/she will be replaced in the statewide competition by the third top scorer if appropriate. If you are an ineligible school and wish to enter your students in the GISA competitions, a faculty member at that school should make the above regulation very clear **to the students and parents involved.**

Elsewhere in this packet is the list designating the area that each GISA school is assigned for Round 1 Competition. If a school listed below (those ineligible to participate in the *Atlanta Daily World*/GAE Spelling Bee) wishes to send representatives to Round 1 competition, the faculty moderator should contact Robin Aylor at the GISA Office (robin@gisaschools.org) or Stella Gordon (gordons@ghacademy.org) to be assigned to the appropriate area for Round 1 competition.

**GISA Schools Ineligible to Participate in the
GAE/Atlanta Daily World Spelling Bee**

Augusta Preparatory Day School	Curtis Baptist Schools	Thomas Jefferson Academy
Brentwood School	David Emanuel Academy	Westminster Schools of Augusta
Briarwood Academy	Edmund Burke Academy	
Brookwood School	Episcopal Day School	

Atlanta Area # 1 @ Mill Springs 48 schools
 Atlanta Area # 2 @ Woodward 35 schools

Top 15 Scorers advance
 Top 10 Scorers advance

	Atlanta Area # 1 @ Mill Springs	Atlanta Area # 2 @ Woodward
1	Atlanta Academy	Academe of the Oaks
2	Atlanta Girls' School	Arlington Christian School
3	Atlanta Speech School	Athens Academy
4	Berry Elementary & Middle School	Atlanta International School
5	Brandon Hall School	Bedford School, The
6	Christ the King School	Bethlehem Christian Academy
7	Christian Heritage School	Children's School, The
8	Chrysalis Experiential Academy	Cliff Valley School
9	Cornerstone Christian Academy	Community Christian School
10	Cottage School, The	Eastminster School
11	Cumberland Academy of GA	Furtah Preparatory School
12	Darlington School	Harvester Christian Academy
13	Davis Academy	Heirway Christian Academy
14	Dominion Christian Schools	Heiskell School, The
15	Eaton Academy	Heritage School, The
16	Friends School of Atlanta, The	High Meadows School
17	Galloway School, The	Howard School, The
18	Greater Atlanta Christian School	Lovett School, The
19	Greenfield Hebrew Academy	Notre Dame Academy
20	Heritage Preparatory School	Oak Mountain Academy
21	Holy Innocents' Episcopal School	Our Lady of Victory School
22	Holy Redeemer Catholic School	Pace Academy
23	Holy Spirit Preparatory School	Paideia School
24	King's Ridge Christian School	Schenck School, The
25	Lakeview Academy	Solid Rock Academy
26	Lionheart School, The	St. John the Evangelist School
27	Marist School	Strong Rock Christian School
28	McGinnis Country Day School	Trinity Christian School, Sharpsburg
29	Mill Springs Academy	Trinity School
30	Mount Bethel Christian Academy	Waldorf School, The
31	Mount Paran Christian School	Westminster Christian Academy
32	Mount Pisgah Christian School	Westminster Schools, Atlanta
33	Mount Vernon Presbyterian School	Whitefield Academy
34	Our Lady of the Assumption School	Woodward Academy
35	Pinecrest Academy	
36	Porter Academy	
37	Providence Christian Academy	
38	Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School	
39	Sophia Academy	
40	St. Francis School	
41	St. Jude the Apostle School	
42	St. Martin's Episcopal School	
43	Swift School, The	
44	Tallulah Falls School	
45	Unity Christian School	
46	Walker School, The	
47	Wesleyan School	
48	Wildwood Christian Academy	

Macon Area @ Mount de Sales 30 schools
 Savannah Area @ Memorial 14 schools
 Albany Area @ Deerfield-Windsor 13 schools

Top 10 Scorers advance
 Top 5 Scorers advance
 Top 5 Scorers advance

Macon Area @ Mount de Sales		Savannah Area @ Memorial Day	
1	Brookstone School	1	Bethesda Academy
2	Calvary Christian School	2	Bulloch Academy
3	Central Fellowship Christian Academy	3	Chatham Academy
4	Covenant Academy	4	First Presbyterian Christian Academy
5	Dawson Street Christian School	5	Frederica Academy
6	First Presbyterian Day School	6	Grace Christian Academy
7	Flint River Academy	7	Heritage Christian Academy
8	Fullington Academy	8	Memorial Day School
9	Gatewood School	8	Pinewood Christian Academy
10	George Walton Academy	10	Providence Christian School
11	Griffin Christian High School	11	Robert Toombs Christian Academy
12	John Hancock Academy	12	Savannah Christian Prep School
13	John Milledge Academy	13	Savannah Country Day School
14	Lafayette Christian School	14	St. Andrew's School
15	LaGrange Academy		Albany Area @ Deerfield-Windsor
16	Loganville Christian Academy	1	Citizens Christian Academy
17	Mount de Sales Academy	2	Crisp Academy
18	Nathanael Greene Academy	3	Deerfield-Windsor School
19	Piedmont Academy	4	Georgia Christian School
20	Redeemer Episcopal Academy	5	Highland Christian Academy
21	Rock Springs Christian Academy	6	Randolph Southern School
22	Southland Academy	7	Sherwood Christian Academy
23	St. George's Episcopal School	8	Southwest Georgia Academy
24	Stratford Academy	9	St. John School
25	Tattnall Square Academy	10	Terrell Academy
26	Trinity Christian School, Dublin	11	Tiftarea Academy
27	Twiggs Academy	12	Valwood School
28	Westfield School, The	13	Westwood School
29	Windsor Academy		
30	Woodfield Academy		

Rules Governing Written Tests of Middle School Spelling Bee

(All students must be present when competition begins.
“Late comers” will not be allowed to begin written
competition after official word calling begins.)

1. All word will be taken from *Webster’s 3rd New International Dictionary*, copyright 2002.
2. All written spelling tests must be written in ink.
3. The first “writing” of the word will be scored.
 - a. Contestants will not be permitted to write a word or words **anywhere other than the answer sheet.**
 - b. If an error is made, it is not permissible to start over on a new sheet with the next word and recopy the previous word or words.
 - c. After the original test sheet has been completed, it is not permissible to recopy the test.
4. When papers are corrected, the following are counted as errors:
 - a. All words so poorly written that they are considered unreadable.
 - b. All words written over as an “i.” over an “e”.
 - c. All words which show erasures and/or changes.
 - d. All words erased and/or crossed out and rewritten.
 - e. All words omitted.
 - f. All words in which the preferred spelling is not used. When a word can be spelled two or more ways, the preferred spelling will be the correct spelling.
5. A contestant may ask the caller for a definition of a word and/or the use of the word in a sentence.
6. After the 100 words of Rounds 1 and 3 are checked, if two or more contestants are tied, the “tie breakers” will be used. “Tie-breakers” will be checked word by word in the order given. An error will eliminate a contestant or contestants until a winner is determined.
7. No audience will be present for Rounds 1 and 2 (written tests) of the Middle School Spelling Bee.
8. **Only students who are designated school representatives to Round 1 of GISA Middle School Spelling Bee and faculty members designated by the site coordinator may be in the room during the written competition.**

Rules Governing Oral Test of the Middle School Spelling Bee

1. All words will be taken from the *Webster's 3rd New International Dictionary*, Copyright 2002.
2. A tape recorder will be used to assist the judges in clarifying questions regarding word pronunciations and /or word spellings.
3. Contestants will participate in a practice round before competition begins.
4. In competition, contestants shall pronounce the word both before and after spelling it. No contestant will be eliminated for failing to pronounce a word, however.
5. When a contestant fails to spell a word correctly, he/she must step out of the contest and the same word shall not be given to the next contestant, except as specified in Rules 10, 11, and 12.
6. Having started to spell a word, a contestant shall be given no opportunity to change letters once pronounced. The speller may retrace from the beginning provided letters and their sequence are not changed in the retracing from those first pronounced. If letter and/or their sequence are changed in the respelling, the speller will be eliminated.
7. If no definition of a homonym is given, the correct spelling of either word shall be accepted as correct. When a definition or sentence is given, the participant must spell the word correctly.
8. Obsolete or archaic spelling will be regarded as error.
9. A contestant may request re-pronunciation, or definition of a word, before attempting to spell it. He/she may also request that the word be properly used in a sentence. The contestant may ask for the language origin of a word. No other information about the etymology or history of a word will be given. If the contestant has a specific root word in mind, the contestant may ask if the dictionary lists that word as the root word to be spelled. The pronouncer shall grant all such requests until judges agree that the word has been made reasonably clear to the contestant. The judges may disqualify any contestant who ignores a request to start spelling.
10. When contestants are reduced to two, the elimination procedure changes. At that point, when one contestant misspells a word, the other contestant shall be given an opportunity to spell that same word. If the second contestant spells that word correctly, plus the next word on the pronouncer's list, then the second contestant shall be declared the champion.
11. If one of the last two spellers misses and the other, after correcting the error, misspells the new word submitted to him/her, then the misspelled word shall be referred to the first speller. If the first speller then succeeds in correcting the error and correctly spells the next word on the pronouncer's list, then he/she shall be declared the champion.
12. If both spellers misspell the same word, both shall continue in the contest, and the one who first misspelled the word shall be given a new word to spell. The contest shall then continue under rules 10 and 11.
13. An audience may be present at the oral test (round 3) of the Middle School Spelling Bee.

Challenging a Procedure or Spelling of a Word

1. Any questions relating to the procedures or spelling of a word should be referred to the judges immediately.
2. No protest can be entertained after the contest is terminated.
3. The deadline for making the challenge is before the contestant affected would have received his next word had he stayed in the contest. When only two spellers remain, a challenge must be made immediately, that is, before the second speller has started to spell the word given to him/her, or, if both have missed the same word, before the correct spelling is given to the audience. No challenge will be entertained after that word has been given to another speller.
4. To properly challenge, a person should stand and remain standing until recognized by the Spelling Bee committee. The committee will go to the challenger in the audience, escort the challenger and the faculty representative of the student's school to the judges, who in turn will hear the challenge.
5. The judges and the State Spelling Bee Committee are in complete control of the Bee. Their decision shall be final on all questions.

2014 GISA MIDDLE SCHOOL SPELLING BEE CONFIRMATION OF PARTICIPATION

DUE NO LATER THAN: MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2012

ROUND 1: Thurs. or Fri., February 6 or 7, 2014

ROUNDS 2 & 3: Thurs., February 20, 2014 (at Greenfield Hebrew Academy, Atlanta)

This confirms that two (2) students from our school will participate in the
2014 GISA MIDDLE SCHOOL SPELLING BEE

NAME OF SCHOOL:

**NAME & TITLE OF FACULTY MEMBER TO CONTACT FOR ALL SPELLING BEE
INFORMATION:**

NAME:

TITLE:

FACULTY MEMBER'S E-MAIL ADDRESS:

**THE ABOVE NAMED FACULTY MEMBER IS
WILLING TO SERVE AS: (see below)**

CALLER: A caller will call out the spelling words to the participants.

JUDGE: A judge should plan to remain on site during lunch break to SCORE written tests while another adult remains with their students for lunch.

GENERAL ASSISTANT: A general assistant will help with registration, hall monitoring, and any other general needs.

**PLEASE INDICATE SITE WHERE YOUR SCHOOL WILL PARTICIPATE IN ROUND 1
(See pages 9 & 10)
CIRCLE; UNDERLINE; or HIGHLIGHT SITE**

Mill Springs

Woodward

Mount de Sales

Memorial Day

Deerfield-Windsor

SIGNATURE OF PRINCIPAL / HEADMASTER:

DATE SIGNED:

EMAIL TO: robin@gisaschools.org
FAX TO GISA OFFICE: 706 – 938 - 1401

2014 GISA MIDDLE SCHOOL SPELLING BEE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

DUE NO LATER THAN: FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2014

NAME OF SCHOOL:

**THE TWO (2) STUDENTS LISTED BELOW WILL REPRESENT OUR SCHOOL IN
ROUND 1 OF THE GISA MIDDLE SCHOOL SPELLING BEE ON Feb. 6 or 7, 2014**

STUDENT # 1 NAME:

STUDENT # 2 NAME:

**THE TWO (2) STUDENTS LISTED BELOW ARE "ALTERNATES" FOR ROUND 1
*NOTE: It is the responsibility of the school to contact the alternate(s) should
they be needed. The school must notify the GISA Office no later than noon on
Wednesday, February 5, 2014 if an alternate will be used.***

ALTERNATE STUDENT # 1 NAME:

ALTERNATE STUDENT # 2 NAME:

**PLEASE CONFIRM NAME & EMAIL ADDRESS OF FACULTY MEMBER
WHO WILL BE CHAPERONING THE STUDENTS TO ROUND 1:**

NAME:

EMAIL:

**PLEASE INDICATE SITE WHERE YOUR SCHOOL WILL PARTICIPATE IN ROUND 1
(See pages 9 & 10)**

CIRCLE; UNDERLINE; or HIGHLIGHT SITE

Mill Springs

Woodward

Mount de Sales

Memorial Day

Deerfield-Windsor

**SIGNATURE OF PRINCIPAL /
HEADMASTER:**

DATE SIGNED:

**EMAIL TO: robin@gisaschools.org
FAX TO GISA OFFICE: 706 – 938 - 1401**