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2013 GAE SPELLING BEE DEADLINES AND DATES



ALERT! Upon enrolling online at www.spellingbee.com and upon payment to Scripps National Spelling Bee of the appropriate enrollment fee, the following four levels of competition are necessary in order to participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in the Washington, D.C., area. Please contact your coordinator for the exact date of your school or system Spelling Bee. **A SCHOOL, SYSTEM, OR HOME SCHOOL MUST HAVE ITS SPELLING BEE AFTER DECEMBER 14, 2012.** See pages 3-6 at www.gae.org for eligibility.

January 25, 2013

DEADLINE **School Spelling Bees and Home School Association Bees must be held between December 15, 2012, and January 25, 2013.**

February 8, 2013

DEADLINE System Spelling Bees
Home School Multi-Association Spell-Off



ALERT! Complete the **Qualifier's Form(s)** on pages 13 and 14, and mail to your **District Spelling Bee Consultant.**

February 23, 2013

10:00 a.m. GAE Districts 1 – 9 &
Georgia Independent School
Association (GISA) Bees



REMEMBER! In case of inclement weather in your area on the date of your District Spelling Bee, please contact your District Consultant **PRIOR** to attending.

March 15, 2013

11:00 a.m. GAE State Spelling Bee
Georgia State University–Student Center
Atlanta, GA

May / June 2013..... Scripps National Spelling Bee

PREFACE

August 2012

Dear Spelling Bee Coordinator:

The spelling bee consultants/committee of the Georgia Association of Educators (GAE) is planning a successful spelling bee program for the 2012-2013 school-year. To access the State Spelling Bee ***Procedures, Rules, and Regulations***, go to www.gae.org; click on the “BEE” logo.

GAE is proud to offer Georgia students an opportunity to exhibit their proficiency in the art of spelling. If a participant is successful at the school system level, then he/she will have the opportunity to advance to the district competition. The district winners and runners-up compete in the state spelling bee with the state winner advancing to the national spelling bee.

This school year, 2012-2013, Scripps National Spelling Bee enrollment period is August 16-October 15, 2012. Students competing in the 2013 Scripps National Spelling Bee must be enrolled in schools/associations that have paid the Scripps \$115 enrollment fee. Enroll online with Scripps at www.spellingbee.com.

To ensure a successful spelling bee, it is important for you to utilize the products and resources described online on page 32 and to follow the GAE official procedures, rules, and regulations for spelling bees, which are given online on pages 8-11. **According to Scripps, their spelling bee rules apply only to the competition at the national level; therefore, the use of Scripps rules at the local level is not recommended.**

The spelling bee consultants/committee and I hope you have a great year planning and implementing your bee!

HAPPY S-P-E-L-L-I-N-G!!!



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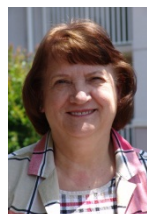
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SPELLING BEE OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Spelling Bee are to:

- help students spell quickly and accurately;
- promote students' correct word usage in meaningful activities;
- help students correct misspelled words automatically;
- help students learn to compete; and
- provide an environment to promote students' self-esteem, character development, and sportsmanship.

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SCRIPPS NATIONAL SPELLING BEE

For a student to participate in the 2013 GAE District, State, and Scripps National Spelling Bees, the student's school or home school association must enroll online at www.spellingbee.com and must have paid its **enrollment fee of \$115** to Scripps National Spelling Bee **between August 16, 2012, and October 15, 2012**. After October 15, if a school or home school association is late in paying, **a late fee of \$75** will apply. **SCRIPPS WILL NOT ENROLL SCHOOLS AFTER DECEMBER 14, 2012.** See pages 26-30 for school/system eligibility.

Benefits to Schools that Pay the Fee

Along with satisfying an eligibility requirement for students, enrollment provides the following benefits:

- For schools paying the \$115 fee, the spelling bee coordinator will receive online access to a password-protected Web site where he or she may print out copies of the *2013 School Pronouncer Guide*, the *2013 Classroom Pronouncer Guide*, the *2013 School Spelling Bee Study List*, and Great American SpellCheck materials.
- For home school families paying the \$89 fee, the family will receive online access to a password-protected Web site where it may print out copies of the *2013 Classroom Pronouncer Guide*, the *2013 School Spelling Bee Study List*, and Great American SpellCheck materials.

GAE Spelling Bee Products and Resources

It is important for you to follow the GAE official procedures, rules, and regulations for your spelling bee which are given online on pages 8- 11. According to Scripps National Spelling Bee, local spelling bee officials should check with their state spelling bee officials for the rules in effect in the GAE Spelling Bee. **Scripps' rules, at the local level, are not recommended; therefore, GAE will not render a decision relating to the conduct of local spelling bees using Scripps' spelling bee rules.**

Please see GAE Spelling Bee "Products" and use the GAE Spelling Bee "Order Forms" on pages 33-35 for spelling bee supplies.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

for

Public, Charter, GISA, Online/Virtual, Parochial, Private, and Home School Associations

For a student to participate in the 2013 GAE District, State, and Scripps National Spelling Bees, the student's school or home school association must enroll online at www.spellingbee.com and must have paid its enrollment fee of \$115 to Scripps National Spelling Bee between August 16, 2012, and October 15, 2012. After October 15, if a school or home school association is late in paying, a late fee of \$75 will apply. **SCRIPPS WILL NOT ENROLL SCHOOLS AFTER DECEMBER 14, 2012. See pages 26-30 for school/system eligibility.**

A student who meets the above requirement and the following criteria may participate in the Bees:

- The speller is not currently subject to local disciplinary action that would exclude him/her from extracurricular activities;
- The speller must not have won a Scripps National Spelling Bee championship in Washington, D.C.;
- The speller must attend a school that officially enrolled with the Scripps National Spelling Bee between August 16, 2012, and December 14, 2012;
- The speller must be in any grade between fourth and eighth and must not have passed beyond the eighth grade on or before February 1, 2013;
- The speller must not have repeated any grade for the purpose of extending spelling bee eligibility. If the speller has repeated any grade, the speller must notify the Scripps National Spelling Bee of the circumstances of grade repetition by March 31, 2013; and the Scripps National Spelling Bee will, in its sole discretion, determine the speller's eligibility status on or before April 30, 2013;
- The speller—or the speller's parent, legal guardian, or school official acting on the speller's behalf—must not have declared to another entity an academic classification higher than eighth grade for any purpose, including high school graduation equivalency or proficiency examinations and/or examinations such as the PSAT, SAT, or ACT;
- The speller must not have earned the legal equivalent of a high school diploma;

- The speller must not have completed nor ever been enrolled in more than six high school-level courses or two college-level courses on or before April 30, 2013;
- The speller must not bypass or circumvent normal school activity to study for spelling bees. The Scripps National Spelling Bee defines normal school activity as adherence to at least four courses of study other than language arts, spelling, Latin, Greek, vocabulary, and etymology for at least four hours per weekday for 34 of the 38 weeks between August 27, 2012, and May 18, 2013;
- The speller must not have reached his/her 15th birthday on or before August 31, 2012;
- The speller must not have been disqualified at any level of a sponsor's spelling bee program between June 2012 and April 2013. Further, if the speller becomes disqualified at any level of a sponsor's spelling bee program before April 2013, the speller will be disqualified from competing in the Scripps National Spelling Bee and may not seek advancement in the Bee program through another sponsor and/or enrollment in another school; and
- The speller, upon qualifying for the 2013 Scripps National Spelling Bee in the Washington, D.C., area must submit a completed Champion Bio Profile, a signed Certification of Eligibility Form, a signed Appearance Consent and Release Form, and a hard copy photo. The speller will notify the Bee, at least 24 hours prior to the first day of competition in the Scripps National Spelling Bee, if any of the statements made on the Certification of Eligibility Form are no longer true or require updating. The speller's sponsor will provide access to the necessary forms. The Scripps National Spelling Bee may disqualify prior to or during competition any speller who is not in compliance with any of the above Eligibility Requirements; and it may—at any time between the conclusion of the 2013 Scripps National Spelling Bee and April 30, 2014—require any speller who is found to have not been in compliance with any of the Eligibility Requirements to forfeit any prizes, rank, and other benefits accorded to the speller as a result of participation in the 2013 Scripps National Spelling Bee.

PUBLIC, CHARTER, GISA, AND ONLINE/VIRTUAL SCHOOLS

An eligible public, charter, GISA, or online/virtual school that has paid the \$115 enrollment fee to Scripps National Spelling Bee shall hold a school spelling bee **after December 14, 2012, and on or before January 25, 2013**. The individual school winners shall participate in a system bee **on or before February 8, 2013**. The winner of the system bee shall participate in the district spelling bee for the area in which he/she is enrolled in school. It is the responsibility of the school or the system to be sure the qualifier's form(s) is received by the GAE district consultant by **February 11, 2013**, and assure the winner(s) gets to the district bee on **February 23, 2013**. The winner(s) will represent the system (e.g., Cobb County, Dooly County, Rome City, Houston County, etc.).

NON-GISA PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

To qualify for the GAE district bee, a parochial school that **is not** a member of the Georgia Independent School Association (GISA) and has paid the \$115 enrollment fee to Scripps National Spelling Bee shall hold a school spelling bee **after December 14, 2012, and on or before January 25, 2013**. If there are four (4) or more parochial schools in a district, the parochial schools must have a spell-off **on or before February 8, 2013**, and send the top three (3) spellers, who must be from three (3) separate enrolled schools to the district bee. If there are three (3) or fewer parochial schools in a district, each parochial school will send a winner to the GAE district bee. The parochial school shall forward the qualifier's form(s) to the GAE district consultant by **February 11, 2013**. It is the responsibility of the parochial school(s) to assure the winner(s) gets to the GAE district bee on **February 23, 2013**.

NON-GISA PRIVATE SCHOOLS

To qualify for the GAE district bee, a private school that **is not** a member of the Georgia Independent School Association (GISA) and has paid the \$115 enrollment fee to Scripps National Spelling Bee shall hold a school spelling bee **after December 14, 2012, and on or before January 25, 2013**. If there are four (4) or more private schools in a district, the private schools must have a spell-off **on or before February 8, 2013**, and send the top three (3) spellers, who must be from three (3) separate enrolled schools to the district bee. If there are three (3) or fewer private schools in a district, each private school will send a winner to the GAE district bee. The private school shall forward the qualifier's form(s) to the GAE district consultant by **February 11, 2013**. It is the responsibility of the private school(s) to assure the winner(s) gets to the GAE district bee on **February 23, 2013**.

HOME SCHOOLS

Please notify your home school contact (see list on page 6) by January 7, 2013, of your intent to participate in the **spell-off. ***

To qualify for the GAE district bee, the home school association must pay the \$115 enrollment fee or \$89 per home school family to Scripps National Spelling Bee. The Home School shall hold a school spelling bee **after December 14, 2012, and on or before January 25, 2013**. Enrolled home school families must compete with a home school association, if applicable. If there are four (4) or more home school associations/organizations in a district, the associations/organizations must have a **spell-off*** **on or before February 8, 2013**, and send the top three (3) spellers, who must be from three (3) separate enrolled home school associations to the district bee. If there are three (3) or fewer associations/organizations in a district, each association/organization will send a winner to the GAE district bee. The home school association/organization shall forward the qualifier's form(s) to the GAE district consultant by **February 11, 2013**. It is the responsibility of the home school association(s)/organization(s) to assure the winner(s) gets to the GAE district bee on **February 23, 2013**.

2012-2013 HOME SCHOOL CONTACTS

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District 9 **VACANT***

***If you would like to serve as a Home School Contact for this district, please call the GAE Spelling Bee Coordinator at 678-837-1100 or 1-800-282-7142.**



IMPLEMENTING YOUR SPELLING BEE

NOTE: Spellers, parents, teachers, and spelling bee officials are encouraged to read these rules prior to any spelling bee. Spelling bee officials are the caller, judges, coordinator, and sponsor. These rules are designed to assist spelling bee officials and spellers at the local level. **These rules and regulations are not the rules in effect at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in the Washington, D.C., area. The National Spelling Bee operates under a different set of rules called the Contest Rules of the 2013 Scripps National Spelling Bee.** These rules contain provisions that are specific to unique conditions at that event. Their successful implementation at the local level is considered impossible and, therefore, is not recommended. The Scripps National Spelling Bee has no authority over local spelling bees.

GAE OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SCHOOL, SYSTEM, DISTRICT, AND STATE LEVEL SPELLING BEES

1. The National Spelling Bee in the Washington, D.C., area conducts its Bee in writing and orally. The state is permitted to use either format. Currently, our State Bee is conducted exclusively orally. This format was chosen because the final levels in the National Bee are totally oral, also.
2. See **Student Eligibility Requirements**. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian, local school officials, GAE representatives, and Scripps representatives to verify the eligibility of all Spelling Bee participants.
3. The Spelling Bee study materials are available **free** online when the school/association has paid Scripps National Spelling Bee the enrollment fee. The school will receive access to a password-protected Web site where it may obtain PDF versions of study materials from Scripps National Spelling Bee. Word lists will be developed from words found in the *Webster's Third New International Dictionary* and its Addenda Section, copyright 2002, Merriam-Webster and not exclusively from study guides.
4. In the Bee, **SPELLERS SHALL PRONOUNCE THE WORD BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER SPELLING IT**; however, no speller will be eliminated for failing to pronounce a word. All spelling words will consist of single, non-hyphenated words. Failure to capitalize a word will not be penalized. Personal names will not be included.

5. When a speller fails to spell a word correctly, he or she must step out of the Bee; and a **different** word shall be given to the next speller, except as provided for in **Rules 13-15** of this section.
6. After having started to spell a word, the speller **SHALL NOT** be given any opportunity to change the letters, once pronounced. The speller may **retrace** the letters of the word from the beginning only, provided no letters or their sequence are changed from those first pronounced. If letters and/or their sequence are changed in the respelling, then the speller shall be eliminated.
7. The speller may ask the caller to say the word again, define it, use it in a sentence, provide the part of speech, and/or provide the language of origin of the word before attempting to spell it. Root word questions will not be entertained by the caller or judges. **No other information about the etymology or history of a word shall be provided.** The caller shall grant all such requests until the judges agree that the word has been made reasonably clear to the speller. **The judges may disqualify any speller who ignores a request to start spelling.**
8. If no definition of a homonym is provided by the caller, the correct spelling of either word shall be accepted. When a definition or sentence is given, the speller must spell the correct word.
9. *Webster's Third New International Dictionary* and its Addenda Section, copyright 2002, Merriam-Webster, shall serve as the final authority for the spelling of words. If more than one spelling is listed for a word that the caller has provided for the speller to spell, any of these spellings shall be accepted as correct if all of the following three criteria are met: (1) the pronunciations of the words are identical, (2) the definitions of the words are identical, and (3) the words are clearly identified as being standard variants of each other. Spellings at other locations having temporal labels (such as *archaic*, *obsolete*), stylistic labels (such as *substand*, *nonstand*), or regional labels (such as *North*, *Midland*, *Irish*) which differ from main entry spellings not having these status labels shall not be accepted as correct.
10. **Words shall be pronounced according to the diacritical markings in *Webster's Third New International Dictionary* and its Addenda Section, copyright 2002, Merriam-Webster.**
11. **ANY QUESTION RELATING TO THE PROCEDURES OR THE SPELLING OF A WORD SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE JUDGES IMMEDIATELY. THE DEADLINE FOR MAKING A PROTEST IS BEFORE THE AFFECTED SPELLER WOULD HAVE RECEIVED HIS OR HER NEXT WORD HAD HE OR SHE STAYED IN THE BEE.**

NO PROTEST SHALL BE ENTERTAINED AFTER THE BEE IS TERMINATED. A PROTEST MAY BE FILED BY A PARENT, LEGAL GUARDIAN, OR SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AFFECTED SPELLER. THIS DESIGNATED PERSON IS THE ONLY ONE WHO MAY PROTEST ON BEHALF OF THE SPELLER DURING THE BEE. ONLY THE DESIGNATED PERSON FOR A SPELLER MAY VOICE A PROTEST FOR HIS OR HER SPELLER, AND THE PROTEST CAN RELATE ONLY TO HIS OR HER SPELLER.

TO PROTEST PROPERLY, ONLY THE DESIGNATED PERSON SHOULD STAND AND REMAIN STANDING UNTIL RECOGNIZED BY THE GAE SPELLING BEE COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE WILL IMMEDIATELY INFORM THE JUDGES WHO WILL HEAR THE PROTEST AT THAT TIME.

12. The judges and the GAE Spelling Bee Committee are in complete control of the Bee. **THEIR DECISION SHALL BE FINAL ON ALL MATTERS.**

COMPETITION BETWEEN TWO FINALISTS

13. When **only two spellers** remain in the Bee, the Bee procedure changes. When one speller misspells a word, the other speller shall be given an opportunity to spell that **same** word. If the second speller spells the word correctly, **plus** the next word on the caller's list correctly, then he or she shall be declared the Winner.
14. When **one of the last two spellers** misspells a word and the other, after correcting the error, misspells the **new** word called to him or her, then the **misspelled new** word shall be referred to the **first** speller. If the first speller succeeds in correcting the error in the word and correctly spells the **next word** on the caller's list, then he or she shall be declared the Winner.
15. When **both spellers** misspell the **same** word, both shall continue in the Bee, and the one who first misspelled the word shall be given a **new** word to spell. The Bee shall then resume under Rules 13-14.
16. **WHEN ONLY TWO SPELLERS REMAIN, THE PROTEST MUST BE MADE IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE SECOND SPELLER HAS STARTED SPELLING THE WORD GIVEN HIM OR HER OR, IF BOTH SPELLERS HAVE MISSED THE SAME WORD, BEFORE THE CORRECT SPELLING IS GIVEN TO THE AUDIENCE.**

NO PROTEST SHALL BE ENTERTAINED AFTER THE SECOND SPELLER HAS STARTED SPELLING THE WORD OR AFTER THE COMPETITION IS

TERMINATED. A PROTEST MAY BE FILED BY A PARENT, LEGAL GUARDIAN, OR SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AFFECTED SPELLER. THIS DESIGNATED PERSON IS THE ONLY ONE WHO MAY PROTEST ON BEHALF OF THE SPELLER DURING THE BEE. ONLY THE DESIGNATED PERSON FOR A SPELLER MAY VOICE A PROTEST FOR HIS OR HER SPELLER, AND THE PROTEST CAN RELATE ONLY TO HIS OR HER SPELLER.

TO PROTEST PROPERLY, ONLY THE DESIGNATED PERSON SHOULD STAND AND REMAIN STANDING UNTIL RECOGNIZED BY THE GAE SPELLING BEE COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE WILL IMMEDIATELY INFORM THE JUDGES WHO WILL HEAR THE PROTEST AT THAT TIME.

17. The judges and the GAE Spelling Bee Committee are in complete control of the Bee.
THEIR DECISION SHALL BE FINAL ON ALL MATTERS.

18. **TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DISTRICT, STATE, AND SCRIPPS 2013 NATIONAL SPELLING BEE, THE SPELLER'S SCHOOL/ASSOCIATION MUST HAVE PAID THE REQUIRED ENROLLMENT FEE TO SCRIPPS.**

**RULES 13, 14 AND 15 MAY CHANGE AT
THE NATIONAL LEVEL!**



PREPARING YOUR SPELLING BEE

Name of District Protestor _____
(Circle One) – parent, guardian, school representative

Protestor's Work Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Protestor's E-mail _____

Do you have any special needs that affect your ability to perform in the Bee (i.e., hearing impairment, wheelchair, etc.)? If yes, please explain: _____

I certify that the information provided on this form is true to the best of my knowledge and that the qualifier meets all eligibility requirements. I have enclosed a clear and sharp, head-and-shoulders photograph (black-and-white or color, not larger than 5x7 inches) of the qualifier. I have not written on the back of the photograph but have attached a post-it note with the qualifier's name written on it.

Print Name of Qualifier _____

Signature of Qualifier _____

Print Name of Parent or Guardian _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

Print Name of System Official _____

Signature of System Official _____

System Official's Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

System Official's Email _____

Position or Title _____ **Telephone No.** _____

NOTE: As a winner, you may be contacted by the News Media for an interview.



SCHOOL OR SYSTEM SPELLING BEES

1. **EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM SPELLING BEE CHAIRPERSON SHOULD BE A CURRENT GAE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE GAE LOCAL ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT.**
2. Each school in a system is required to hold its own bee between **December 15, 2012**, and on or before the established **January 25, 2013, deadline.**
3. Each system (public, charter, online/virtual, parochial, private, home school association) is required to hold its own bee on or before the established **February 8, 2013, deadline** for system level Bees.

Please contact your spelling bee coordinator for the exact date of your school or system Spelling Bee.

4. All spellers should be present at least 30 minutes before the stipulated start time, but no bee shall begin before its stipulated hour.
5. **The number of qualifiers allowed each system for the district spelling bee is determined by the **District Eligibility Equalization Formula** (pages 26-27). It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian, local school officials, GAE representatives, and Scripps representatives to verify the eligibility of all spelling bee participants.**
6. Suggestion to spelling bee coordinator for system: Print the **Qualifier's Form** (making as many copies as needed) for the qualifier(s) and alternate to complete before leaving the site after the system bee. (See pages 13, 14, and 26).

The qualifier(s) in each system must submit a **Qualifier's Form** with photo to the **system spelling bee coordinator.**

The system spelling bee coordinator must send the District Spelling Bee **Qualifier's Form(s)** to the **District Spelling Bee Consultant** (see page iii), **and it/they must be received by February 11, 2013.** The **Qualifier's Form(s)** must be complete with all required signatures.

7. The judges and Spelling Bee Committee are in complete control of the Bees. **THEIR DECISION SHALL BE FINAL ON ALL MATTERS.**
8. All electronic devices **must** be turned off during the bee.

**IN THIS DOCUMENT, PLEASE SEE
IMPORTANT TIPS
for
SYSTEM BEE ORGANIZERS!**

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SYSTEM SPELLING BEE COMMITTEE

1. Verify **student eligibility requirements**.
2. Plan and implement the system spelling bee.
3. Establish a date and site for the system spelling bee. Be sure that the facility:
 - a. has adequate lighting;
 - b. has sufficient space to accommodate the spellers, officials, and audience;
 - c. has a noiseless environment with good acoustics;
 - d. has a good public address system; and
 - e. have two systems that will provide clear audio recordings of the Bee.
4. Your GAE **District Spelling Bee Consultant** must receive the name(s) of the system qualifier(s) by Monday, FEBRUARY 11, 2013. Please fill-out the **Qualifier's Form** completely.
5. See that the system qualifier(s) receives the date and site of the District Spelling Bee.
6. Ensure that the system qualifier(s) has a printed copy of the official GAE 2012-2013 *Procedures, Rules, and Regulations*.
7. In case of inclement weather or change in system Spelling Bee site or date, notify the system organizers and qualifier(s) promptly.

TIPS FOR BEE ORGANIZERS

Based on comments we have received from sponsors, parents, teachers, and spellers, a **DO** and **DON'T** list is provided to facilitate the success of your Bee.

1. **DO** verify **student eligibility requirements**.
2. **DO go over the rules and regulations with Bee officials prior to the Spelling Bee.**
3. **DO** use *Webster's Third New International Dictionary* and its Addenda Section, copyright 2002, Merriam-Webster as the final authority for all spelling words.
4. **DON'T** change boundaries in mid-competition, i.e., switch word lists, go to another level of difficulty mid-round, etc.
5. **DO resolve each dispute or protest as soon as possible.** If a parent or teacher has a complaint, listen attentively and learn from the experience. The parent or teacher may not receive the answer that he or she wants, but knowing that the sponsor is concerned with fairness and prompt action usually has a calming effect.
6. **DO** remind Bee officials that fairness and common sense prevail. It is easier to handle a problem immediately than to attempt righting a wrong after a champion has been declared.
7. **DO** conduct a practice round.
8. **DO** have a caller and three judges; plan for a back-up caller and judges.
9. **DO** have two systems that will provide clear audio recordings of the Bee. Be sure to check systems for sound clarity.
10. **DO** make clear the role of the caller is (1) to correctly pronounce the word and (2) to give a sentence, definition, and other information about the word at the speller's request. The role of the judges is to determine whether the speller has spelled the word correctly. The role of the speller is (1) to gather as much information as possible to help spell the word correctly and (2) to spell the word correctly. The judges may not disqualify a speller for asking a question.
11. **DO** have Spelling Bee certificates, lapel pins, T-shirts, and medallions that may be purchased. Please see **Spelling Bee Order Forms on pages 33-35**.
12. **All electronic devices must be turned off during the bee.**

DISTRICT SPELLING BEES

1. The number of qualifiers allowed each system for the district spelling bee is determined by the District Eligibility Equalization Formula (see **Spelling Bee Districts** and the Equalization Formula on pages 26-27).
2. The GAE **District Spelling Bee Consultants** will conduct bees in the nine GAE Spelling Bee Districts and the **GISA unit**.
3. The date, time, and place for the **district spelling bee sites** will be established by authorized persons of the GAE Spelling Bee Committee.
4. Associations may defray the expenses for their district winner and official escort to participate in the state bee in Atlanta.
5. **All District Spelling Bees shall be held on February 23, 2013. The name of the District Winner, Runner-Up, and Alternate shall be forwarded by the District Spelling Bee Consultant to GAE Spelling Bee and shall be received by March 1, 2013.**
6. If only one system participates and holds a bee within a district, the GAE Spelling Bee Chairperson must be notified; and the winners shall represent the district in the state competition.
7. Only the district winner and runner-up will be eligible to participate in the State Spelling Bee. In case of illness or other providential reasons, the alternate shall be eligible to replace either contestant.
8. **Photographing and videotaping during the bee is restricted to the professional news media and sponsor's staff; however, flash photography of contestants by others IS permitted only before and after the bee.**
9. **All electronic devices must be turned off during the bee.**

2013 DISTRICT SPELLING BEE SITES

ALL District Spelling Bees will be held on February 23, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.

DISTRICT ONE

Floyd Co. Board of Education
Central Office Board Room
600 Riverside Parkway, NE
Rome, GA 30161
(706) 234-1031

DISTRICT TWO

Mabry Middle School
2700 Jims Road, Northeast
Marietta, GA 30066
(770) 928-5546 ext. 267

DISTRICT THREE

North Gwinnett High Theater
20 Level Creek Road
Suwanee, GA 30024
(770) 271-5179

DISTRICT FOUR

DeKalb County Board of Education
1701 Mountain Industrial Boulevard
Stone Mountain, GA 30083
(678) 676-1200

DISTRICT FIVE

Mundy's Mill Middle School
1251 Mundy's Mill Road
Jonesboro, GA 30238
(770) 473-2880

DISTRICT SIX

Fort Valley State University
C. W. Pettigrew Center
1005 State University Drive
Fort Valley, GA 31030
(478) 825-6537

DISTRICT SEVEN

Putnam County Middle School
140 Sparta Highway
Eatonton, GA 31024
(706) 485-8547

DISTRICT EIGHT

TO BE DETERMINED

DISTRICT NINE

C. A. Gray Junior High
812 Eleventh Avenue, NW
Moultrie, GA 31768
(229) 890-6189

GISA UNIT

The Walker School
700 North Cobb Parkway
Marietta, GA 30062
(770) 427-2689



**PARTICIPATING
IN YOUR
STATE AND NATIONAL
SPELLING BEE**

STATE SPELLING BEE

1. Participation in the State Bee will be limited to the winner and runner-up from each of the nine GAE Spelling Bee Districts and the GISA Unit that officially enrolled with Scripps National Spelling Bee.
2. **The State Bee will be held on Friday, March 15, 2013, 11:00 a.m., at Georgia State University – Student Center in Atlanta.**
3. The GAE Spelling Bee Committee shall be responsible for organizing and conducting the State Bee.
4. The winner and runner-up from each of the nine GAE Spelling Bee Districts and the GISA Unit bees shall come to Atlanta for the State Bee with an adult as his/her official escort.
5. The designated person to officially protest (parent, legal guardian, school representative) for each Qualifier is to register and will be seated in a special section at the State Bee.
6. All essential expenses will be paid for the winner of the Georgia Association of Educators State Bee to participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in the Washington, D.C., area. The GAE Spelling Bee Committee will designate the winner's official escort.
7. **Photographing and videotaping during the Bee is restricted to the professional news media and sponsor's staff; however, flash photography of contestants by others IS permitted only before and after the Bee.**
8. **All electronic devices must be turned off during the Bee.**

The
Georgia Association of Educators

would like to give



**SPECIAL
THANKS**

to

Georgia State University

for

hosting the 2012
GAE State Spelling Bee

CONGRATULATIONS



Simola Nayak

Age 13, Eighth Grade

Subrat K. Nayak, Father

Smita Nayak, Mother

Henderson Middle School

Chamblee, GA

Terese Allen, Principal

STATE SPELLING BEE CHAMPION

Georgia Association of Educators

March 16, 2012

DISTRICT FOUR WINNER

February 25, 2012

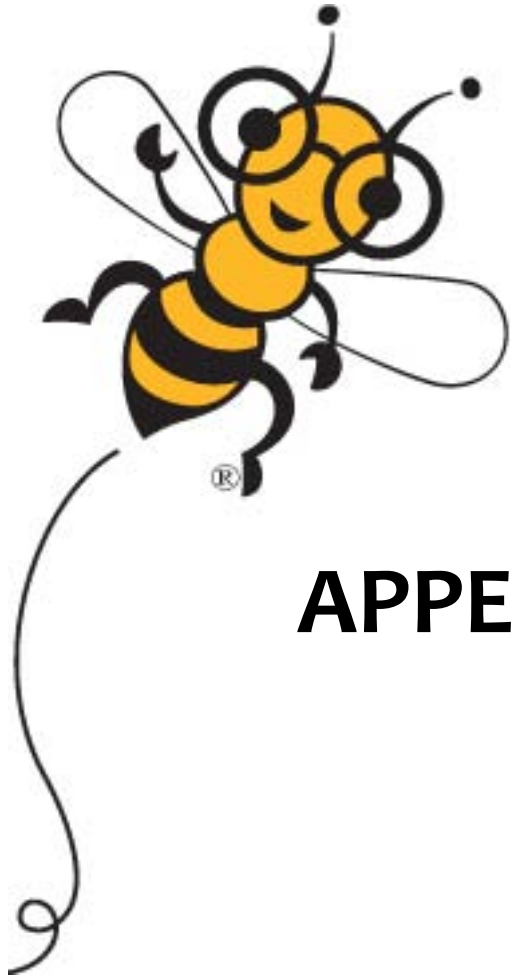
DeKalb County Board of Education, Stone Mountain

Susan Tallant, GAE District Four Consultant

**Congratulations, Simola,
on an outstanding performance!**

NATIONAL SPELLING BEE COMPETITION

1. The Georgia Association of Educators State Spelling Bee representative (state winner) in the Scripps 2013 National Spelling Bee will have met all **student eligibility requirements**.
2. The state bee winner shall be accompanied by one official escort selected by the GAE Spelling Bee Committee to the Scripps National Spelling Bee.
3. **The National Spelling Bee will be held May/June 2013 in the Washington, D.C., area.**
4. Scripps National Spelling Bee shall be responsible for organizing, establishing the rules of operation, and conducting the National Spelling Bee.
5. Scripps National Spelling Bee shall provide all participants in the National Spelling Bee with sightseeing opportunities.
6. Scripps National Spelling Bee will award at least \$85,000 total in cash prizes to participants in the national contest.



APPENDIX

2012-2013 ELIGIBLE SPELLING BEE SYSTEMS

(If your system is eligible to send more than one representative, the number is in parentheses.)

District One

Bartow
Calhoun City
Cartersville City
Chattooga
Fannin
Floyd
GA School-Deaf
Gilmer
Gordon
Murray
Rome City
Trion City

District Two

Cherokee (3)
Cobb (8)
Dawson
Forsyth (3)
Lumpkin
Marietta City
Pickens
Towns
Union
White

District Three

Banks
Barrow
Buford City
Commerce City
Elbert
Franklin
Gainesville City
Gwinnett (13)
Habersham
Hall (2)
Hart
Jackson
Jefferson City
Madison
Rabun
Social Circle
Stephens
Walton

District Four

Atlanta City (4)
Decatur City
DeKalb (7)
Douglas (2)
Fulton (7)
Paulding (2)

District Five

Bremen City
Carroll
Carrollton City
Clayton (4)
Coweta (2)
Fayette (2)
Griffin-Spalding
Haralson
Henry (3)
Polk
Rockdale

District Six

Bibb (2)
Chattahoochee
Crawford
GA Acad.-Blind
Harris
Heard
Houston (2)
Lamar
Macon
Marion
Meriwether
Monroe
Muscogee (2)
Peach
Pike
Schley
Talbot
Taylor
Thomaston/Upson
Troup

District Seven

Baldwin
Bleckley
Butts
Clarke
Dodge
Dublin City
Greene
Hancock
Jasper
Johnson
Jones
Laurens
Morgan
Newton
Oconee
Oglethorpe
Pulaski
Putnam
Treutlen
Twiggs
Wilcox
Wilkinson

District Eight

Appling
Atkinson
Bacon
Brantley
Bryan
Bulloch
Camden
Candler
Charlton
Chatham (3)
Clinch
Coffee
Echols
Effingham
Evans
Glynn
Jeff Davis
Lanier
Liberty

Long
McIntosh
Montgomery
Pierce
Tattnall
Telfair
Toombs
Vidalia City
Ware-Waycross
Wayne
Wheeler

District Nine

Baker
Ben Hill-
 Fitzgerald
Berrien
Brooks
Calhoun
Clay
Colquitt
Cook
Crisp
Dooly
Dougherty
Early
Irwin
Lee
Lowndes
Miller
Mitchell
Pelham City
Quitman
Randolph
Seminole
Stewart
Sumter
Terrell
Tift
Turner
Valdosta City
Webster
Worth

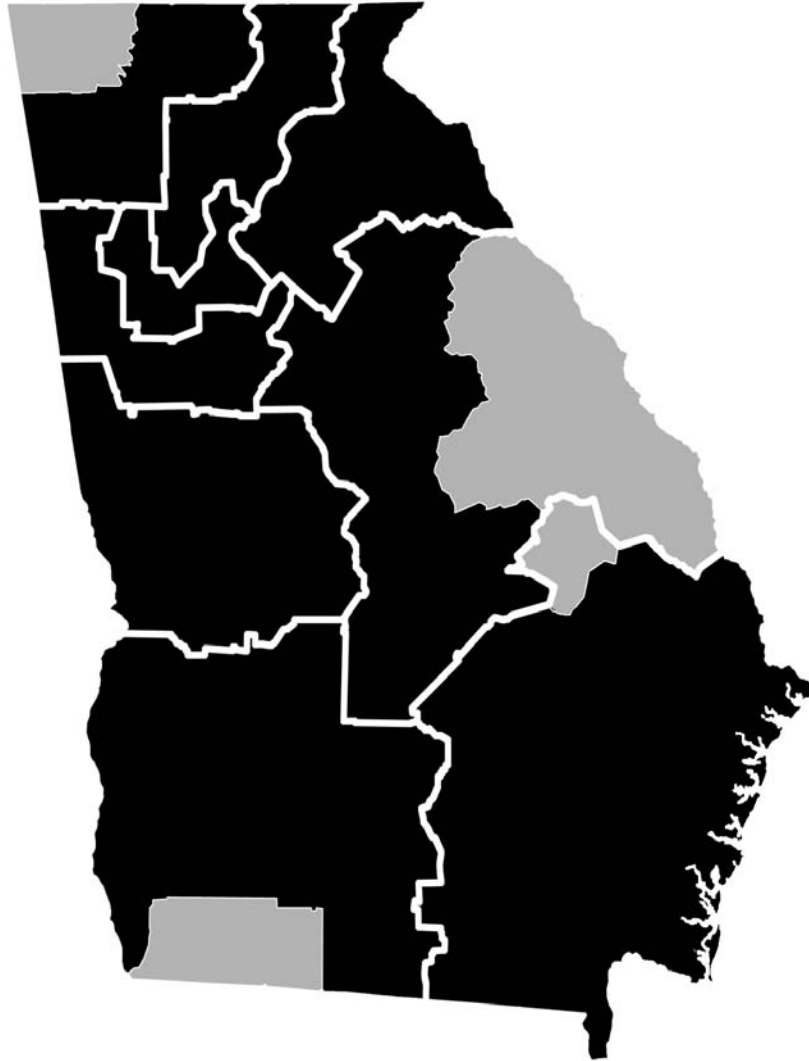
DISTRICT ELIGIBILITY EQUALIZATION FORMULA

In an effort to equalize the representation within the District Bees, especially for the larger systems, the GAE Spelling Bee Committee utilizes the following equalization formula. The formula is based on the Department of Education's Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) counts for grades four through eight for the previous year. This formula guarantees each system at least one representative at its District Bee and up to 13 based on its eligible enrollments.

FTE	Qualifiers
1 – 7,500 =	1
7501 – 12,500 =	2
12,501 – 17,500 =	3
17,501 – 22,500 =	4
22,501 – 27,500 =	5
27,501 – 32,500 =	6
32,501 – 37,500 =	7
37,501 – 42,500 =	8
42,501 – 47,500 =	9
47,501 – 52,500 =	10
52,501 – 57,500 =	11
57,501 – 62,500 =	12
62,501 – 67,500 =	13

Please see 2012-2013 **Eligible Spelling Bee Systems** on page 26 for the number of qualifiers your school system is eligible to send to the District Spelling Bee. If your system is eligible to send more than one representative, the number is in parentheses.

2012-2013 GAE SPELLING BEE MAP



Areas in gray represent Ineligible Spelling Bee Systems.

Please see list of **Ineligible Spelling Bee Systems** on page 29.

Please check the list for **Eligible Spelling Bee Systems** on page 26.

2012-2013
INELIGIBLE SPELLING BEE SYSTEMS

Scripps National Spelling Bee has declared all public, charter, GISA, online/virtual, parochial, private, and home schools in the following school systems as **ineligible to participate** in the GAE Spelling Bees.

Burke	Lincoln
Catoosa	McDuffie
Chickamauga	Richmond
Columbia	Screven
Dade	Taliaferro
Dalton	Thomas
Decatur County	Thomasville
Emanuel	Walker
Glascokk	Warren
Grady	Washington
Jefferson County	Whitfield
Jenkins	Wilkes

2012-2013 ELIGIBLE SPELLING BEE

GEORGIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (GISA) SCHOOLS

Arlington Christian School
Athens Academy
The Atlanta Academy
Atlanta Girls' School
Atlanta International School
Atlanta Speech School

The Bedford School
Berry Elementary & Middle School
Bethesda Academy
Bethlehem Christian Academy
Brandon Hall School
Brookstone School
Bulloch Academy

Calvary Christian School
Central Fellowship Christian Acad.
Chatham Academy at Royce
The Children's School
Christ the King School
Chrysalis Experiential Academy
Citizens Christian Academy
Cliff Valley School
Community Christian School
Cornerstone Christian Academy
The Cottage School
Covenant Academy
Crisp Academy
Cumberland Academy of Georgia

Darlington School
The Davis Academy
Dawson Street Christian School
Deerfield-Windsor School
Dominion Christian Schools

Eastminster School
Eaton Academy

Fellowship Christian School
First Montessori School of Atlanta
First Presb. Christian Academy
First Presbyterian Day School
Flint River Academy
Frederica Academy
The Friends School of Atlanta
Fullington Academy
Furtah Preparatory School

The Galloway School
Gatewood Schools
George Walton Academy
Georgia Christian School
Greater Atlanta Christian School

Greenfield Hebrew Academy
Griffin Christian High School

Harvester Christian Academy
Heirway Christian Academy
The Heiskell School
Heritage Christian Academy
Heritage Preparatory School
The Heritage School
Highland Christian Academy
High Meadows School
Holy Innocents' Episcopal School
Holy Redeemer Catholic School
Holy Spirit Preparatory School
The Howard School

John Hancock Academy
John Milledge Academy

King's Ridge Christian School

LaFayette Christian School
LaGrange Academy
Lakeview Academy
The Lionheart School
Loganville Christian Academy
The Lovett School

Marist School
McGinnis Woods Country Day
Memorial Day School
Mill Springs Academy
Mount De Sales Academy
Mount Paran Christian School
Mount Pisgah Christian School
Mount Vernon Presbyterian School
Mt. Bethel Christian Academy

Nathanael Greene Academy
Notre Dame Academy

Oak Mountain Academy
Our Lady of the Assumption School
Our Lady of Victory Catholic

Pace Academy
Paideia School
Piedmont Academy
Pinecrest Academy
Pinewood Christian Academy
Porter Academy
Providence Christian Academy
Providence Christian School

Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School
Randolph Southern School
Robert Toombs Christian Academy
Rock Springs Christian Academy

Savannah Christian Preparatory
Savannah Country Day School
The Schenck School
Sherwood Christian Academy
Solid Rock Academy
Sophia Academy
Southland Academy
Southwest Georgia Academy
St. Andrew's School
St. Francis School
St. George's Episcopal School
St. John School
St. John the Evangelist Catholic
St. Jude the Apostle School
St. Martin's Episcopal School
Stratford Academy
Strong Rock Christian School
The Swift School

Tallulah Falls School
Tattnall Square Academy
Terrell Academy
Tiftarea Academy
Trinity Christian School
Trinity Christian School
Trinity School
Twiggs Academy

Unity Christian School

Valwood School

The Waldorf School, Atlanta
The Walker School
Wesleyan School
The Westfield Schools
Westminster Christian Academy
Westminster Schools of Atlanta
Westwood School
Whitefield Academy
Wildwood Christian Academy
Windsor Academy
Woodfield Academy
Woodward Academy

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\$5.00 EACH



An exquisite 7/8-inch gold, black and white cloisonné’ lapel pin with brass military back fastener designed to reward students for participating in school and system level Bees.

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An essential state resource guide of dates, procedures, rules, regulations, and the qualifier’s form is designed to help Bee organizers conduct a more successful Spelling Bee.

GAE SPELLING BEE CERTIFICATES

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Beautifully designed 8½” x 11” certificates to be issued to participants of local system spelling bees.

GAE SYSTEM PRONOUNCER GUIDE

(CALL) 678-837-1100 OR 1-800-282-7142

A list of words to be used by the caller at the county/system spelling bee competition **only**. Each word has a definition, sentence, pronunciation, etc. Please call for ordering information.

NEW - GAE SPELLING BEE TEE-SHIRTS (see order form) or call Mike Brening at 706-846-2699

NEW – GAE SPELLING BEE MEDALLION with RIBBON (see order form) or call 706-846-3290

NATIONAL SPELLING BEE WEB SITE - www.spellingbee.com

Benefits to Schools that Pay the Fee:

- For schools paying the \$115 fee, the spelling bee coordinator will receive online access to a password-protected Web site where he or she may print out copies of the *2013 School Pronouncer Guide*, the *2013 Classroom Pronouncer Guide*, the *2013 School Spelling Bee Study List*, and Great American SpellCheck materials.
- For home school families paying the \$89 fee, the family will receive online access to a password-protected Web site where they may print out copies of the *2013 Classroom Pronouncer Guide*, the *2013 School Spelling Bee Study List*, and Great American SpellCheck materials.

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2012-2013 GAE SPELLING BEE ORDER FORM

Name _____

School _____

School Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

Daytime Phone Number () _____

Quantity	Description	Deadline	Price	Total
ONLINE www.gae.org	GAE Procedures, Rules, and Regulations	March 11, 2013	FREE	ONLINE
	GAE Spelling Bee Pin	March 11, 2013	\$5.00	
	GAE Spelling Bee Certificates (25 per pack)	March 11, 2013	\$10.00	
Total Enclosed				

- No phone or credit card orders.
- Please see product descriptions.
- **All proceeds from the sale of these products subsidize the GAE Spelling Bee.**
- Make check payable to **GAE Spelling Bee** and **mail to:**

GAE Spelling Bee
100 Crescent Centre Parkway, Suite 500
Tucker, GA 30084-7050

- To inquire about an order, please call 678-837-1100 or 1-800-282-7142.

Thank you for your order.



2013 GAE SPELLING BEE TEE SHIRT ORDER FORM

Please indicate below the number of Tee Shirts by size and mail this form with **check payable to:**

Sideline Sports
233 West Main Street
Manchester, GA 31816

-OR-

If you have questions, please email
Mike at: mjbrening@yahoo.com

706-846-2699

Shipping and a \$1.00 rebate to the GAE State Spelling Bee Program are included in the price for each shirt.

- ALL YOUTH SIZES.....\$8.50
- ADULT SIZES SMALL – XL. \$8.50
- ADULT 2XL\$10.50
- ADULT 3XL\$11.50
- ADULT 4XL\$12.50
- ADULT 5XL\$13.50



Youth sizes: Small (6-8)_____ Med (10-12)_____ Large (14-16)_____ XL (18-20)_____

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TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$_____

Ship to: Name_____

Address_____

City, State, Zip_____

Telephone_____

Email_____

