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2024-2025 DuPage County Spelling Bee

The DuPage Regional Office of Education is proud to be the official regional partner of the Scripps National Spelling Bee in our community for the 2024-2025 school year. Together, we can give students the words they need to shine their light on the world. <u>Enroll your school today to be a part of 100 years of the National Spelling Bee program!</u>

Each year, the Bee reaches millions of students across the country, thanks to educators like you. By enrolling your school in the program, you receive access to classroom and school materials, including study lists, competition guides, and supplemental resources. Your enrollment also provides your school champion with a pathway to compete in the DuPage Regional Office of Education Spelling Bee program and potentially advance all the way to the national stage.

The DuPage area's regional spelling bee will take place on Thursday, **February 20, 2025, at the Technology Center of DuPage, 301 S Swift Rd, Addison, IL 60101.** Participant registration will begin at 5:30 PM, followed by the official welcome and introduction of students at 6:00 PM.

The champion of our regional competition will represent our area in the 2025 Scripps National Spelling Bee, which will take place in the Washington, D.C. area in May.

Each **public school district** must complete its district competition by *Friday, January 31*, **2025**, and will send the DuPage ROE the name(s) of the spelling finalists based on the district's enrollment by the end of the day on *Monday, February 3*, **2025**, via the form that will be provided.

- <3,400 students per district 1 student
- 3.400-7.000 students per district 2 students
- >7,000 students per district 3 students

Each **private school** must complete its school competition by *Friday, January 31*, and submit the name of **one** finalist per school to The Avery Coonley School via the form that will be provided.

Thank you to **The Avery Coonley School** for hosting the **Private/Parochial Spelling Bee!** The DuPage County Private School Spelling Bee will take place on Thursday, February 6, 2024, at The Avery Coonley School, located at 1400 Maple Avenue, Downers Grove, IL. The top three finalists will continue to the DuPage Regional Spelling Bee.



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DEC & ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

The <u>enrollment</u> period for schools to register for the 2025 Scripps National Spelling Bee program has begun!

Early Enrollment Fee: From August 20 to October 31, schools will pay \$185 per school.

Enrollment Fee Increase: On November 1, the enrollment fee will increase to \$199 per school until the enrollment period closes on January 31, 2025.

Here's a <u>flver</u> with more information.

When you enroll your school at <u>spellingbee.com</u>, you will receive exclusive online access to:

- Official study lists with spellings and word meanings for students in grades 1-8,
- The 2025 Classroom Competition List for administering classroom spelling bees.
- The 2025 School Competition List for Administering a School Spelling Bee,
- Access to the Bee's <u>Online Testing Platform</u> for creating Classroom and School Online Tests.
- <u>Words of the Champions</u>, the 4,000-word study resource for your school spelling bee champion,
- The <u>Great Words</u>, <u>Great Works reading list</u> with all sourcebooks for the *School Spelling Bee Study List*, organized by grade level,
- Supplemental vocabulary materials for classroom and school levels,
- Award certificates for participants and your school champion, and
- Entrance for your school champion in the DuPage County spelling bee program.

Watch this tutorial <u>video</u> for a step-by-step walk-through of the new enrollment process, which has been pared down to make it even easier to start with the spelling bee program!

By inspiring your students to explore words, the Scripps National Spelling Bee illuminates pathways to lifelong curiosity, celebrates academic achievement, and enriches communities. In addition to the academic benefits your students cultivate by taking part in the Bee program, they also will develop important life skills—such as goal setting, work ethic, and public speaking—that will help them as they advance in school and eventually to successful careers.

For a century, the Bee has provided elementary and middle school students with a unique and meaningful educational experience. The DuPage Regional Office of Education is proud to



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partner with the Bee and continue bringing this opportunity to your students, highlighting the importance of academic achievement in our community.

Thank you,

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