



2019 Orange County Spelling Bee

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Enrollment Guidelines

Student Eligibility

1. Students must be the winners of their school or district spelling bee program.
2. Students **must attend an Orange County school registered with the Scripps National Spelling Bee.**
3. Students must meet all Scripps National Spelling Bee eligibility requirements.
4. Students must be in grades six, seven, or eight, and may not be older than 14 years of age.
5. Students attending a home school are eligible for participation.

District/School Eligibility

1. Districts and schools must host their spelling bee by **January 18, 2019.**
2. Districts that host their own spelling bee may send up to ten (10) students designated as winners.
3. For districts that **do not** host their own spelling bee, individual schools may host their own competition.
 - o Elementary schools may send up to three (3) students designated as winners.
 - o Middle schools may send up to six (6) students designated as winners.
4. **All schools** (including home school associations) must register with Scripps National Spelling Bee.

Steps to Participation

1. Enroll with the Scripps National Spelling Bee at www.spellingbee.com (see below for deadlines).
2. Submit Intent to Participate form to the Orange County Department of Education.
3. Direct all participating students to visit www.myspellit.com for the study guide/resources.
4. Host district and/or school spelling bees.
5. Submit Orange County Spelling Bee enrollment paperwork and fees for each student eligible to move forward in the competition.
6. Provide all student winners with the Scripps National Spelling Bee *Spell It* booklet (district/school coordinators can download booklets from the Scripps National Spelling Bee website).

Important Dates

1. **Scripps Early Bird enrollment for new and returning schools:** August 22, 2018 through October 15, 2018.
2. **Scripps Regular enrollment:** October 16, 2018 through December 16, 2018.
3. **Deadline to submit Orange County Spelling Bee Intent to Participate:** December 3, 2018.
4. **Deadline to host district or school spelling bee:** January 18, 2019.
5. **Deadline to submit Orange County Spelling Bee Enrollment forms and fees:** February 7, 2019.
6. **Orange County Spelling Bee Written Round:** Monday, February 25, 2019.
 - o Top spellers (finalists) advancing to the oral round will be announced on the Orange County Spelling Bee website (www.ocde.us/spellingbee) on Tuesday, February 26.
7. **Orange County Spelling Bee (final) Oral Round:** Saturday, March 2, 2019.
 - o The winner of the Orange County Spelling Bee will win a trip to Washington D.C. to represent the county at the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

Fees

Please note there are two separate fees required in order to participate in the Orange County Spelling Bee.

1. Scripps National:
 - o **Scripps National Spelling Bee Pre-enrollment and Early Bird enrollment:** \$160 per school.
 - o **Scripps National Spelling Bee Standard enrollment:** \$235 per school.
 - o Scripps enrollment fee includes: grade-specific word lists, pronouncer guides, certificates, rules for local spelling bees, fundraising ideas, and more. For more information, visit: <http://spellingbee.com/enrollment>

 - o Schools may pay Scripps enrollment fee by credit card or by check, with a \$7.50 check processing fee being added for check payments. Scripps does not accept purchase orders.

2. Orange County Department of Education:
 - o **Orange County Spelling Bee registration:** \$130 per student. You may submit a Purchase Order or check.

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