



Alliance for Progress Charter School Spelling Bee Rules

- ❖ The Spelling Masters will say each word, use the word in a sentence, and re-pronounce the word. Word pronunciation and the sentence can be repeated at the speller's request only before he/she has repeated the word to start spelling. The judges will grant this request until they agree that the word has been made reasonably clear to the contestant.
- ❖ Contestants should: Repeat the word before spelling, spell the word orally, and repeat the word to signify they are done spelling.
- ❖ Word order is randomly generated prior to the Bee. The Spelling Masters will read words from the appropriate grade list for each contestant for the first 5 rounds of the Spelling Bee. At the start of Round 6, words may be called from the list ONE grade level ABOVE the contestants' grade. At the start of Round 8, words may be chosen from a confidential list agreed upon by the judges and/or Spelling Masters.
- ❖ Spellers will have 45 seconds to say the word, spell it and say it again.
- ❖ Upon missing the spelling of a word, the contestant immediately drops out of the contest. If none of the contestants remaining in the Bee at the start of a round spell a word correctly during the round, all shall remain in the competition.
- ❖ A contestant may start over to spell a word UNLESS he/she has reached the final letter in the word. Spellers can only start over from within a word to spell again. Once the last letter of the word is spoken, that spelling counts as the final spelled word.
- ❖ If the contestant is given a proper noun, it must be indicated by the speller. For example: "Tuscany" would be spelled "capital T-u-s-c-a-n-y".