



Midland Academy Spelling Bee 2020

Official Rules

Only students attending Midland Academy Charter School in grades 4th-8th are eligible to participate. Only those students with signed permission slips will compete in the Spelling Bee. **All decisions of MACS Spelling Bee officials are final.**

1. When it is your turn:

- State the word
- Spell the word
- Repeat the word (Repeating the word indicates that the speller has completed his/her turn)

2. Reasons to be disqualified:

• If you refuse to start spelling • If you do not approach the microphone • If you engage in unsportsmanlike conduct • If you utter unintelligible or nonsense sounds in the process of spelling. Speak Clearly!

Note: Spellers will not be disqualified for failing to note the capitalization of a word or the inclusion of accent marks hyphens or spaces in a word.

3. Speller's Role:

• Speak each letter clearly and loudly enough to be understood by the judges and the pronouncer.

• You may ask the pronouncer to:

- Say the word again
- Define the word .Use the word in a sentence
- Provide the language of origin. Provide an alternate pronunciation(s) •

It will be acceptable for a speller to begin spelling a word, stop, ask the pronouncer to start over and then change the letters from those first spoken ONLY if said speller has not repeated the word after spelling it. By repeating a word after having spelled it, a speller indicates that he/she is completely done with his/her turn. • Example: A speller repeats the word he/she is given, spells the word, but then asks to start over. This speller would be allowed to start over because he/she did not repeat the word after spelling it initially.

Upon misspelling a word, the speller immediately drops out of the competition, except as provided for in the end-of-bee procedure that follows: If all spellers in the final round misspell, all spellers from that round remain in the competition and a new round begins. If only one speller in this round spells correctly, a new one-word round begins for this remaining speller. If this speller succeeds in correctly spelling this word, he/she will be declared the champion. However, if the remaining speller misspells this word, a new round begins with all the spellers who spelled in the previous round. **Spellers will wait until the end of round to exit the stage.** • All spellers eliminated in the same round are tied for the same place.

All spellers are encouraged to stay until the end of the bee in support of their classmates.