

Past Spelling Bee Winners

2018	Sankar Ramamurthy	Lux	7th grade
2017	Eswar Ramamurthy	Lux	6th grade
2016	Eswar Ramamurthy	Kloefkorn	5th grade
2015	Blake Callahan	Scott	7th grade
2014	Divith Rajagopal	Lux	6th grade
2013	Emma Johnston	Irving	7th grade
2012	Claire Henrichs	Irving	6th grade
2011	Logan Myers	Scott	6th grade
2010	Sarah DiMagno	Irving	8th grade
2009	Rebekah Laybourn	Dawes	6th grade
2008	Anna Lauren Higgins	Lefler	7th grade
2007	Greg Ward	Dawes	8th grade
2006	Brian Burris	Lux	7th grade
2005	Aleem Malik	Scott	7th grade
2004	Ali Malik	Scott	8th grade
2003	Mohammed Ali	Mickle	6th grade
2002	Cathy Sypal	Lux	6th grade
2001	Alexander Lin	Lux	6th grade
2000	Noah Weiss	Pound	7th grade
1999	Will Fruhwirth	Lux	7th grade
1998	Arthur Reeves	Culler	7th grade
1997	Eric Schmidt	Lux	8th grade
1996	Bryan Gordon	Park	8th grade
1995	Joey Gourlay	Prescott	6th grade
1994	Laura Dewitt	Pound	7th grade
1993	Kayce Kahl	Meadow Lane	5th grade
1992	C. J. Brown	Irving	8th grade
1991	C. J. Brown	Irving	7th grade
1990	Becky Grossman	East	7th grade
1989	Heather Farris	Pound	8th grade

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Study Tips

You may want to consider getting organized for your study of spelling. Start to compile a spelling notebook. Different sections can feature troublesome word endings, homonyms, troublesome double letter spellings, or specialized terms.

If you would like to receive study information, please contact your principal if you are in 5th grade, your English/Language Arts teacher for grades 6-8 or contact the English Office at the number or email below.

For more information, call or write

The English Office
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LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Oral Spelling Bee

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Saturday, February 9, 2019, 8:30 a.m.
(Doors will open at 7:45 a.m.)

Culler Middle School Auditorium
5201 Vine Street
Lincoln, Nebraska 68504

Eligibility of students

Any student of the Lincoln Public Schools in grades five through eight who will be under the age of 16 on or before the date of the national finals shall be eligible to participate.

The suggested Midwest Spelling Bee Rules will govern the LPS Oral Spelling Bee.

Students need to be at Culler Middle School, checked in, and in their seats when the reading of the rules begins. Any students that are not present for the reading of the rules will not be allowed to participate.

Participating students must have the permission of a parent or guardian and submit a completed registration form to their elementary or middle school office or to the LPS English/Language Arts Office by January 25, 2019.

90th Annual Midwest Spelling Bee
Omaha, Nebraska—March 2, 2019

92nd Annual Scripps
National Spelling Bee Week
National Harbor, MD—May 26-31, 2019

— Lincoln Public Schools Spelling Bee Rules —

(Adapted from the *Omaha World-Herald* Midwest Spelling Bee Rules)

1. County and district champions of preliminary competitions competing in the Midwest Spelling Bee in Omaha, Neb. must qualify under these requirements: (a) they must not have passed beyond the eighth grade on or before Feb. 1, 2019; (b) they must not have reached their 15th birthday on or before August 31, 2018; (c) speller must attend a school officially enrolled with Scripps National Spelling Bee and (d) any contestant having once won a National Spelling Bee championship is ineligible for future competition.
2. Competition will be conducted in an oral format.
3. Study information is available by request.
4. Words shall be pronounced according to the diacritical markings in Webster's Third New International Dictionary and its Addenda Section, copyright 2002 Merriam-Webster, Inc., and the 2018 Sponsor Bee Guide I, from which the pronouncer shall select the definition or definitions that he/she gives. With the approval of the judges, he/she may give a fuller explanation of the meaning of the word to supplement the dictionary definition or definitions quoted.
5. In competition, after the pronouncer gives the contestant a word, the contestant will be encouraged to pronounce the word before spelling it and after spelling it. However, no contestant will be eliminated for failing to pronounce a word.
6. The contestant may request the pronouncer to pronounce the word again, define it, use it in a sentence, or ask for the country of origin. The pronouncer shall grant the request until the officials agree that the word has been made reasonable clear to the contestant. Judges may disqualify any contestant who ignores a request to start spelling.
7. Having started to spell a word, a contestant may stop and start over, retracing the spelling from the beginning, but in retracing there can be no change of letters or their sequence from those first pronounced. If letters or their sequence are changed in the respelling, the speller will be eliminated.
8. If, inadvertently, no definition of a homonym is given, the correct spelling of either word shall be accepted as correct. When a speller is given the definition of a homonym, he/she must spell the word defined.

9. When a speller fails to spell a word correctly, he/she must drop out of the contest, and another word shall be given to the next contestant in line.
10. The elimination procedure changes when the contestants are reduced to two. These two spellers are our finalists. At that point, as soon as one contestant misspells a word, the other contestant immediately shall be given an opportunity to spell the same word. If the second contestant spells the word correctly, plus the next word on the pronouncer's list, then he/she shall be declared the champion.
11. If the speller given a chance to correctly spell the misspelled word either fails to correctly spell the misspelled word, or spells the misspelled word correctly but misspells the potentially championship word, the Bee resumes as per normal, and the next, new, word is offered to the speller who initially misspelled.
12. If both misspell the same word, both shall continue in the contest.
13. Webster's New International Dictionary and its Addenda Section, copyright 2002, Merriam-Webster, Inc., shall serve as the final authority for the spelling of words in the Midwest Spelling Bee. Such variations and reformed spellings as appear in small type at the bottom of the page in Webster's, keyed with a dagger or double dagger, will not be accepted as correct. Obsolete and archaic spellings will be regarded as errors.
14. Any question relating to the spelling of a word should be referred to the judges immediately before completion of the current round. No protest can be entertained after a round is completed.
15. The judges are in complete control of the bee. Their decision shall be final on all questions.
16. Any contestant having once won a National Spelling Bee championship is ineligible for future competition in the National Spelling Bee and the Midwest Spelling Bee.

Note: All decisions made by district spelling bee officials will be regarded as final by the World-Herald/Midwest Spelling Bee.

For a copy of the Midwest Spelling Bee Rules visit www.owh.com/community/midwest-spelling-bee/.



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Registration for the 2019 LPS Oral Spelling Bee

Parents and Guardians:

Please complete and return this form to your child's teacher or school office by Wednesday, January 25, 2019 or go to <https://home.lps.org/english/bee/> for online registration

Student's Name _____ Student ID # _____ Teacher's Name _____

School _____ Birth Date _____ Grade _____

Address _____ (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip Code)

Parent/Guardian email address _____

I approve of my child's participation in the 2019 LPS Oral Spelling Bee, conducted by the Lincoln Public Schools according to the 2019 Midwest Spelling Bee Contest Rules, reprinted in this brochure.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Telephone Number _____

School Office: Please return this registration form to the English Office, Box 24, by Monday, January 28, 2019.

Registrations are accepted the morning of the Spelling Bee, but students' names will not appear in the program.