ALERT! Upon enrolling with Scripps online at www.spellingbee.com and upon payment to Scripps National Spelling Bee of the appropriate enrollment fee, the following four levels of competition are necessary in order to participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in the Washington, D.C., area. Please contact your coordinator for the exact date of your school or system Spelling Bee. A SCHOOL, SYSTEM, OR HOME SCHOOL CANNOT HAVE ITS SPELLING BEE UNTIL AFTER OCTOBER 15, 2015. See pages 3-6 in the GAE (Georgia) State Spelling Bee Procedures, Rules, and Regulations (PRR) at www.gae.org/spellingbee for eligibility.

January 22, 2016
DEADLINE.............. School Spelling Bees and Home School Association Bees must be held between October 15, 2015 and January 22, 2016. Please plan alternate dates for inclement weather.

February 12, 2016
DEADLINE.............. System Spelling Bees
Home School Multi-Association Spell-Off

ALERT! Complete the Qualifier’s Form(s) on pages 14 and 15, and mail to your District Spelling Bee Consultant.

February 27, 2016
10:00 a.m. ............... GAE Districts 1 – 9 & Georgia Independent School Association (GISA) Bees

REMEMBER! In case of inclement weather in your area on the date of your District Spelling Bee, please contact your District Consultant PRIOR to attending.

March 25, 2016
11:00 a.m. ............... GAE State Spelling Bee
Georgia State University–Student Center
Atlanta, GA

May / June 2016....... Scripps National Spelling Bee
Dear Spelling Bee Coordinator:

The spelling bee committee of the Georgia Association of Educators (GAE) has been planning for another successful spelling bee program for the 2015-2016 school-year. GAE is again proud to offer Georgia students an opportunity to exhibit their proficiency in the art of spelling. If a participant is successful at the school system level, then he/she will have the opportunity to advance to the district competition. The district winners and runners-up compete in the state spelling bee with the state winner advancing to the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

This school year, 2015-2016, the Scripps’ National Spelling Bee “Early Bird” enrollment period is August 14, 2015 - October 15, 2015. For students to be eligible to compete in the 2016 Scripps National Spelling Bee, their schools/home schools must be enrolled and they must have paid the Scripps enrollment fee by the deadline of October 15, 2015. You can enroll online with Scripps at www.spellingbee.com. If you enroll before October 15, your school will receive a free one year online subscription to Britannica. A “Standard” registration fee for schools/home schools (includes a $75 late fee) will apply between October 16, 2015 and December 11, 2015. No registrations will be taken after December 11, 2015.

To ensure a successful local spelling bee, it is important for you to utilize the products and resources described in the Procedures, Rules, and Regulations (PRR) on page 31 and to follow the GAE official procedures, rules, and regulations for spelling bees, which are listed on pages 7-10. To access Georgia’s State Spelling Bee (PRR) go to www.gae.org/spellingbee. NOTE: According to Scripps, their spelling bee rules apply only to the competition at the national level; therefore, please refer to Georgia’s rules in this PRR.

Please note that this year we are strongly suggesting the implementation of one beginning vocabulary round in order to better assist our students in preparing to compete at nationals. Schools can access a vocabulary round through their Scripps’ registration. GAE will be implementing the beginning vocab round at the county, district and state levels. We feel our students must begin to learn the actual dynamics of spelling rather than just simple rote word memorization.

The spelling bee consultants/committee and I hope you have a great year planning and implementing your bee!

HAPPY S-P-E-L-L-I-N-G!!!

Dr. Sid Chapman, President
Georgia Association of Educators
The

Georgia Association of Educators

would like to give a special

Thank You!

to

Georgia State University

for

hosting the 2015
GAE State Spelling Bee
The GAE Spelling Bee Committee would like to give Special Thanks to Paula Phelps and Elaine Stephens for their many years of untiring dedication as Spelling Bee Committee Consultants to their students in GAE Bee Districts Six and Eight.

All the best in your new endeavors!
CONGRATULATIONS!

Monisha Mahadevan
Age 14, Eighth Grade
Woodward Academy
Fulton County, GA

Kal Mahadevan, Mother
Maha Mahadevan, Father

STATE SPELLING BEE CHAMPION
March 20, 2015
Georgia State University
Georgia Association of Educators’ State Spelling Bee Committee

DISTRICT GISA SPELLING BEE WINNER
February 28, 2015
Atlanta Academy
2000 Holcomb Woods Parkway
Roswell, GA 30076

Congratulations, Monisha
On an outstanding performance
and for tying for 39th place at Nationals!
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SPELLING BEE OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Spelling Bee are to:

• help students spell quickly and accurately;

• enhance the student’s understanding of vocabulary in relation to spelling;

• promote students’ correct word usage in meaningful activities;

• help students correct misspelled words automatically;

• help students learn to compete;

• provide an environment to promote students’ self-esteem, character development, and sportsmanship; and

• help students learn the dynamics of actual spelling versus simple rote memorization.
INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SCRIPPS NATIONAL SPELLING BEE

This school year, 2015-2016, the Scripps’ National Spelling Bee “Early Bird” enrollment period is August 14, 2015 - October 15, 2015. For students to be eligible to compete in the 2016 Scripps National Spelling Bee, their schools/home schools must be enrolled and they must have paid the Scripps $136/$94 enrollment fee by the deadline of October 15, 2015. You can enroll online with Scripps at www.spellingbee.com. If you enroll before October 15, your school will receive a free one year online subscription to Britannica. A “Standard” registration fee for schools/home schools of $211/$169 (includes a $75 late fee) will apply between October 16, 2015 and December 11, 2015. SCRIPPS WILL NOT ENROLL SCHOOLS AFTER DECEMBER 11, 2015. See pages 23-29 for school/system eligibility.

Benefits to Schools that Pay the Fee

Along with satisfying an eligibility requirement for students, enrollment provides the following benefits:

🌟 For schools paying the $136 fee, the spelling bee coordinator will receive online access to a password-protected Web site where he or she may print out copies of the 2016 School Pronouncer Guide, the 2016 Classroom Pronouncer Guide, the 2016 School Spelling Bee Study List, the optional 2016 Supplemental Vocabulary materials and Great American SpellCheck materials.

🌟 For home school families paying the $94 fee, the family will receive online access to a password-protected Web site where it may print out copies of the 2016 Classroom Pronouncer Guide, the 2016 School Spelling Bee Study List, the optional 2016 Supplemental Vocabulary materials and Great American SpellCheck materials.

GAE Spelling Bee Products and Resources

It is important for you to follow the GAE official procedures, rules, and regulations for your spelling bee which are given online on pages 7-10. According to Scripps National Spelling Bee, local spelling bee officials should check with their state spelling bee officials for the rules in effect in the GAE Spelling Bee. **Scripps’ rules, at the local level, are not recommended; therefore, GAE will not render a decision relating to the conduct of local spelling bees using Scripps’ spelling bee rules.**

Please see GAE Spelling Bee “Products” and use the GAE Spelling Bee “Order Forms” on pages 33-34 for spelling bee supplies.
STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
for
Public, Charter, GISA, Online/Virtual,
Parochial, Private, and Home School Associations

For a student to participate in the 2016 GAE District, State, and Scripps National Spelling Bees, the student’s school or home school /association must enroll online at www.spellingbee.com and must have paid its enrollment fee of either $136 or $94 to Scripps National Spelling Bee between August 14, 2015 and October 15, 2015. After October 15, if a school or home school association is late in paying, a late fee of $75 will apply. SCRIPPS WILL NOT ENROLL SCHOOLS AFTER DECEMBER 11, 2015. See pages 23-29 for school/system eligibility.

A student who meets the above requirement and the following criteria may participate in the Bees:

🌟 The speller must not have won a Scripps National Spelling Bee championship in the Washington, D.C area.

🌟 The speller must attend a school that officially enrolled with the Scripps National Spelling Bee between August 14, 2015, and December 11, 2015.

🌟 The speller must not have passed beyond the eighth grade on or before February 1, 2016.

🌟 The speller must not have repeated any grade for the purpose of extending spelling bee eligibility. If the speller has repeated any grade, the speller must notify the Scripps National Spelling Bee of the circumstances of grade repetition by March 31, 2016; and the Scripps National Spelling Bee will, in its sole discretion, determine the speller’s eligibility status on or before April 30, 2016.

🌟 The speller—or the speller’s parent, legal guardian, or school official acting on the speller’s behalf—must not have declared to another entity an academic classification higher than eighth grade for any purpose, including high school graduation equivalency or proficiency examinations and/or examinations such as the PSAT, SAT, or ACT.

🌟 The speller must not have earned the legal equivalent of a high school diploma.

🌟 The speller must not have completed nor ever been enrolled in more than six high school–level courses or two college-level courses on or before April 30, 2016.
The speller must not bypass or circumvent normal school activity to study for spelling bees. The Scripps National Spelling Bee defines normal school activity as adherence to at least four courses of study other than language arts, spelling, Latin, Greek, vocabulary, and etymology for at least four hours per weekday for 34 of the 38 weeks between August 25, 2015, and May 16, 2016.

The speller must not have reached his/her 15th birthday on or before August 31, 2015.

The speller must have been declared a champion of a final local spelling bee on or after February 1, 2016.

The speller must not have been disqualified at any level of a sponsor’s spelling bee program between July 2015 and April 2016. Further, if the speller becomes disqualified at any level of a sponsor’s spelling bee program before April 2016, the speller will be disqualified from competing in the Scripps National Spelling Bee and may not seek advancement in the Bee program through another sponsor and/or enrollment in another school.

The speller, upon qualifying for the 2016 Scripps National Spelling Bee in the Washington, D.C. area must submit a completed Champion Bio Profile, a signed Certification of Eligibility Form, a signed Appearance Consent and Release Form, and a hard copy photo. The speller will notify the Bee, at least 24 hours prior to the first day of competition in the Scripps National Spelling Bee, if any of the statements made on the Certification of Eligibility Form are no longer true or require updating. The speller’s sponsor will provide access to the necessary forms. The Scripps National Spelling Bee may disqualify prior to or during competition any speller who is not in compliance with any of the above Eligibility Requirements; and it may—at any time between the conclusion of the 2016 Scripps National Spelling Bee and April 30, 2017—require any speller who is found to have not been in compliance with any of the Eligibility Requirements to forfeit any prizes, rank, and other benefits accorded to the speller as a result of participation in the 2016 Scripps National Spelling Bee.

PUBLIC, CHARTER (System or County), GISA, AND ONLINE/VIRTUAL SCHOOLS

An eligible public, charter, GISA, or online/virtual school that has paid the $136 enrollment fee to Scripps National Spelling Bee shall hold a school spelling bee after October 15, 2015, and on or before January 22, 2016. The individual school winners shall participate in the Bee conducted by the system to which their school reports on or before February 12, 2016. The winner of the system bee shall participate in the district spelling bee for the area in which he/she is enrolled in school. It is the responsibility of the school or the system to be sure the qualifier’s form(s) is received by the GAE district consultant by February 16, 2016, and assure the winner(s) gets to the district bee on February 27, 2016. The winner(s) will represent the system (e.g., Cobb County, Dooly County, Rome City, Houston County, etc.).
NON-GISA PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

To qualify for the GAE district bee, a parochial school that is not a member of the Georgia Independent School Association (GISA) and has paid the $136 enrollment fee to Scripps National Spelling Bee shall hold a school spelling bee after October 15, 2015, and on or before January 22, 2016. If there are four (4) or more parochial schools in a district, the parochial schools must have a spell-off on or before February 12, 2016, and send the top three (3) spellers, who must be from three (3) separate enrolled schools to the district bee. If there are three (3) or fewer parochial schools in a district, each parochial school will send a winner to the GAE district bee. The parochial school shall forward the qualifier’s form(s) to the GAE district consultant by February 16, 2016. It is the responsibility of the parochial school(s) to assure the winner(s) gets to the GAE district bee on February 27, 2016.

NON-GISA PRIVATE SCHOOLS

To qualify for the GAE district bee, a private school that is not a member of the Georgia Independent School Association (GISA) and has paid the $136 enrollment fee to Scripps National Spelling Bee shall hold a school spelling bee after October 15, 2015, and on or before January 22, 2016. If there are four (4) or more private schools in a district, the private schools must have a spell-off on or before February 12, 2016, and send the top three (3) spellers, who must be from three (3) separate enrolled schools to the district bee. If there are three (3) or fewer private schools in a district, each private school will send a winner to the GAE district bee. The private school shall forward the qualifier’s form(s) to the GAE district consultant by February 16, 2016. It is the responsibility of the private school(s) to assure the winner(s) gets to the GAE district bee on February 27, 2016.

HOME SCHOOLS

You will be notified by email if your school will need to conduct a spell-off. *

To qualify for the GAE district bee, the home school association must pay the $136 enrollment fee or $94 per home school family to Scripps National Spelling Bee. The Home School shall hold a school spelling bee after October 16, 2015, and on or before January 22, 2016. Enrolled home school families must compete with a home school association, if applicable. If there are four (4) or more home school associations/organizations in a district, the associations/organizations must have a spell-off* on or before February 12, 2016, and send the top three (3) spellers, who must be from three (3) separate enrolled home school associations to the district bee. If there are three (3) or fewer associations/organizations in a district, each association/organization will send a winner to the GAE district bee. The home school association/organization shall forward the qualifier’s form(s) to the GAE district consultant by February 16, 2016. It is the responsibility of the home school association(s)/organization(s) to ensure the winner(s) gets to the GAE district bee on February 27, 2016.
IMPLEMENTING YOUR SPELLING BEE
NOTE: Spellers, parents, teachers, and spelling bee officials are encouraged to read these rules prior to any spelling bee. Spelling bee officials are the caller, judges, coordinator, and sponsor. These rules are designed to assist spelling bee officials and spellers at the local level. These rules and regulations are not the rules in effect at the Scripps National Spelling Bee. The National Spelling Bee operates under a different set of rules called the Contest Rules of the 2016 Scripps National Spelling Bee. These rules contain provisions that are specific to unique conditions at that event. Their implementation at the local level is not recommended. The Scripps National Spelling Bee has no authority over Georgia local spelling bees.

GAE OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS
OF THE
SCHOOL, SYSTEM/COUNTY, DISTRICT, AND STATE LEVEL SPELLING BEEES

1. The National Spelling Bee conducts its Bee in both oral and written formats. This includes both spelling and multiple-choice vocabulary. The state is permitted to use either format. Currently, our State Bee is conducted exclusively orally and includes vocabulary. This format was chosen because the final levels in the National Bee are totally oral.

2. See Student Eligibility Requirements. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian, local school officials, GAE representatives, and Scripps representatives to verify the eligibility of all Spelling Bee participants.

3. The Spelling Bee study materials are available free online when the school/association has paid Scripps National Spelling Bee the enrollment fee. The school will receive access to a password-protected Web site where it may obtain PDF versions of study materials from Scripps National Spelling Bee. Word lists will be developed from words found in the Webster’s Third New International Dictionary and its Addenda Section, copyright 2002, Merriam-Webster and not exclusively from study guides.

4. Please note Rule Change: If only one speller in a round spells correctly, that speller will be declared a finalist. All spellers eliminated in that round will resume spelling in their original order until only one spells correctly. That speller will be declared the other finalist. If all spellers are eliminated in a round, those spellers will be reinstated and resume spelling in their original order until the two finalists have been determined according to rules 15.

* Have a seating section just offstage for students to sit while waiting until the end of each round to see whether they will be called back up.
5. In the Bee, **SPELLERS SHALL PRONOUNCE THE WORD BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER SPELLING IT**; however, no speller will be eliminated for failing to pronounce a word. Failure to capitalize a word or recognize grammatical markings will not be penalized.

6. When a speller fails to spell a word correctly, he or she must step out of the Bee; and a **different** word shall be given to the next speller.

7. After having started to spell a word, the speller **SHALL NOT** be given any opportunity to change the letters, once pronounced. The speller may **retrace** the letters of the word from the beginning only, provided no letters or their sequence are changed from those first pronounced. If letters and/or their sequence are changed in the respelling, then the speller shall be eliminated.

8. The speller may ask the caller to say the word again, define it, use it in a sentence, provide the part of speech, give alternate pronunciation and/or provide the language of origin of the word before attempting to spell it. Root word questions will not be entertained by the caller or judges. **No other information about the etymology or history of a word shall be provided.** The caller shall grant all such requests until the judges agree that the word has been made reasonably clear to the speller. **The judges may disqualify any speller who ignores a request to start spelling.**

9. If no definition of a homonym is provided by the caller, the correct spelling of either word shall be accepted. When a definition or sentence is given, the speller must spell the correct word.

10. **The judges will determine if the word was spelled correctly and if incorrect will provide the correct spelling.**

11. *Webster’s Third New International Dictionary* and its Addenda Section, copyright 2002, Merriam-Webster, shall serve as the final authority for the spelling of words. If more than one spelling is listed for a word that the caller has provided for the speller to spell, any of these spellings shall be accepted as correct if all of the following three criteria are met: (1) the pronunciations of the words are identical, (2) the definitions of the words are identical, and (3) the words are clearly identified as being standard variants of each other. Spellings at other locations having temporal labels (such as *archaic, obsolete*), stylistic labels (such as *substand, nonstand*), or regional labels (such as *North, Midland, Irish*) which differ from main entry spellings not having these status labels shall not be accepted as correct.

12. **Words shall be pronounced according to the diacritical markings in Webster’s Third New International Dictionary and its Addenda Section, copyright 2002, Merriam-Webster.**
13. **ANY QUESTION RELATING TO THE PROCEDURES OR THE SPELLING OF A WORD SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE JUDGES IMMEDIATELY. THE DEADLINE FOR MAKING AN OBJECTION IS BEFORE THE AFFECTED SPELLER WOULD HAVE RECEIVED HIS OR HER NEXT WORD HAD HE OR SHE STAYED IN THE BEE.**

NO OBJECTION SHALL BE ENTERTAINED AFTER THE BEE IS TERMINATED. AN OBJECTION MAY BE FILED BY A PARENT, LEGAL GUARDIAN, OR SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AFFECTED SPELLER. THIS DESIGNATED PERSON IS THE ONLY ONE WHO MAY OBJECT ON BEHALF OF THE SPELLER DURING THE BEE. ONLY THE DESIGNATED PERSON FOR A SPELLER MAY VOICE AN OBJECTION FOR HIS OR HER SPELLER, AND THE OBJECTION CAN RELATE ONLY TO HIS OR HER SPELLER.

TO OBJECT PROPERLY, ONLY THE DESIGNATED PERSON SHOULD STAND AND REMAIN STANDING UNTIL RECOGNIZED BY THE GAE SPELLING BEE COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE WILL IMMEDIATELY INFORM THE JUDGES WHO WILL HEAR THE OBJECTION AT THAT TIME.

14. The judges and the GAE Spelling Bee Committee are in complete control of the Bee. THEIR DECISION SHALL BE FINAL ON ALL MATTERS.

**COMPETITION BETWEEN TWO FINALISTS**

*(Please Note: Georgia’s Rules Differ from Scripps)*

15. When a round results in only two spellers who have correctly spelled their words, they will be declared the finalists. The last person eliminated before the finalists are determined will be considered the alternate.

16. When one finalist misses a word, the other finalist will spell the next word on the caller’s list. If the contestant spells that word and the next word on the list correctly, he or she will be declared the winner. If he or she misspells either of those two words, the other finalist will be given the next word on the caller’s list to spell. If that finalist spells the next word and the next correctly, he or she will be declared the winner. If both finalists misspell their word, both shall continue in the Bee and the one who first misspelled his or her word shall be given the next word on the caller’s list to spell. The Bee shall then resume under Rule 15.
17. **OBJECTING:** WHEN ONLY TWO SPELLERS REMAIN, AN OBJECTION MUST BE MADE IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE SECOND SPELLER HAS STARTED SPELLING THE WORD GIVEN HIM OR HER.

NO OBJECTION SHALL BE ENTERTAINED AFTER THE SECOND SPELLER HAS STARTED SPELLING THE WORD OR AFTER THE COMPETITION IS TERMINATED. AN OBJECTION MAY BE FILED BY A PARENT, LEGAL GUARDIAN, OR SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AFFECTED SPELLER. THIS DESIGNATED PERSON IS THE ONLY ONE WHO MAY OBJECT ON BEHALF OF THE SPELLER DURING THE BEE. ONLY THE DESIGNATED PERSON FOR A SPELLER MAY VOICE AN OBJECTION FOR HIS OR HER SPeller, AND THE OBJECTION CAN RELATE ONLY TO HIS OR HER SPeller.

TO OBJECT PROPERLY, ONLY THE DESIGNATED PERSON SHOULD STAND AND REMAIN STANDING UNTIL RECOGNIZED BY THE GAE SPELLING BEE COMMITTEE. A COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE WILL IMMEDIATELY INFORM THE JUDGES WHO WILL HEAR THE OBJECTION AT THAT TIME.

18. The judges and the GAE Spelling Bee Committee are in complete control of the Bee. THEIR DECISION SHALL BE FINAL ON ALL MATTERS.

19. **TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2016 DISTRICT, STATE, AND SCRIPPS NATIONAL SPELLING BEES, THE SPELLER’S SCHOOL/ASSOCIATION MUST HAVE PAID THE REQUIRED ENROLLMENT FEE TO SCRIPPS.**

20. NO AUDIO RECORDING, VIDEO RECORDING, PHOTOGRAPHY, WEBCASTING OR STREAMING OF THE GAE STATE SPELLING BEE IS PERMITTED WITHOUT EXPRESSED PERMISSION. FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED BEFORE OR AFTER THE BEE AND DURING THE PRACTICE ROUND.

21. IN FAIRNESS TO THE CONTESTANTS, WHO ARE ALREADY AT VARIOUS LEVELS OF NERVOUSNESS, EXTRANEOUS NOISE FROM E.G., SMALL CHILDREN, EXCESSIVE COMING AND GOING, TALKING, ETC., COULD POSE A DISTRACTION AND PROVE VERY UNFAIR TO THEM DURING THEIR MOMENTS IN THE SUN. PLEASE RESPECT THE BEE PROCESS AND THE PARTICIPANTS AND DO WHAT’S NECESSARY TO ELIMINATE SUCH DISTRACTIONS.

**RULES MAY CHANGE AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL!**
PREPARING YOUR SPELLING BEE
To participate in a District Spelling Bee, system winner(s) must complete this Qualifier’s Form. PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY IN BLUE OR BLACK INK AND COMPLETE ALL PARTS. Be sure to provide all required signatures. This form is to be received by your District Spelling Bee Consultant not later than Tuesday, February 16, 2016. The system bee coordinator is responsible for forwarding this form with photo.

Please use only blue or black ink.

Please check only one:

- [ ] Public
- [ ] Charter (System or County)
- [ ] Online/Virtual
- [ ] Home School
- [ ] GISA
- [ ] Private (non-GISA)
- [ ] Parochial (non-GISA)

System________________________________________ District No.____________

Please check only one:

- [ ] Qualifier
- [ ] Alternate

Name______________________________________________________________ [ ] Female [ ] Male

Home Address____________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip________________________________________________________________

Home Phone___________________________ E-mail____________________________________

Birthdate___________________________ Age________ Grade level______________________

Mother’s Name_______________________ Father’s Name__________________________

Occupation________________________ Occupation_______________________________

Mother’s Work Number______________ Father’s Work Number_____________________

Mother’s Email______________________ Father’s Email_____________________________

Non-Medical Contact Name and Number___________________________________________

School Name____________________________________________________________________

School Address___________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip_______________________ School Phone______________________________

Briefly describe student’s school interests, activities, and honors:

________________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________________
Name of District
Advocate ______________________________________

(Circle One) – parent, guardian, school representative

Advocate’s Work Phone___________________________ Home Phone_____________________________

Advocate’s E-mail __________________________________________

Do you have any special needs that affect your ability to perform in the Bee (i.e., hearing impairment, wheelchair, etc.)? If yes, please explain: ______________________________________

(Please note: Neither GAE, nor the GAE Spelling Bee Committee, will be responsible for any cost/expense related to needs expressed above.)

_______________________________________________________________________________________

I certify that the information provided on this form is true to the best of my knowledge and that the qualifier meets all eligibility requirements.

I hereby authorize the Georgia Association of Educators, hereafter referred to as “GAE,” to publish photographs taken of me as well as my name and likeness, for use in GAE’s print, online and video-based marketing materials, as well as other GAE publications. I hereby release and hold harmless GAE from any reasonable expectation of privacy or confidentiality associated with the images specified above.

I further acknowledge that my participation is voluntary and that I will not receive financial compensation of any type associated with the taking or publication of these photographs or participation in company marketing materials or other Company publications. I acknowledge and agree that publication of said photos confers no rights of ownership or royalties whatsoever.

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Print Name of Qualifier ______________________________________

Signature of Qualifier ______________________________________

Print Name of Parent or Guardian ______________________________________

Signature of Parent or Guardian ______________________________________

Print Name of System Bee Coordinator ______________________________________

Signature of System Bee Coordinator ______________________________________

System Bee Coordinator’s Email ______________________________________

Telephone No._____________________
SCHOOL OR SYSTEM SPELLING BEES

1. EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM SPELLING BEE CHAIRPERSON SHOULD BE A CURRENT GAE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE GAE LOCAL ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT.

2. Each school in a system that has paid its enrollment fee to Scripps is required to hold its own bee after October 15, 2015 and no later than the established January 22, 2016 deadline.

3. Each system (public, charter [county or system], online/virtual, parochial, private, home school association) is required to hold its own bee on or before the established February 12, 2016, deadline for system level Bees. Please contact your spelling bee coordinator for the exact date of your school or system Spelling Bee.

4. All spellers should be present at least 30 minutes before the stipulated start time, but no bee shall begin before its stipulated hour.

5. The number of qualifiers allocated to each system for the district spelling bee is determined by the District Eligibility Equalization Formula (pages 24 and 28). It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian, local school officials, GAE representatives, and Scripps representatives to verify the eligibility of all spelling bee participants.

6. Suggestion to spelling bee coordinator for system: Print the Qualifier’s Form (making as many copies as needed) for the qualifier(s) and alternate to complete before leaving the site after the system bee. (See pages 12, 13 and 24).

   The qualifier(s) in each system must submit a Qualifier’s Form with photo to the system spelling bee coordinator.

   The system spelling bee coordinator must send the District Spelling Bee Qualifier’s Form(s) to the District Spelling Bee Consultant (see page iii), and it/they must be received by February 16, 2016. The Qualifier’s Form(s) must be complete with all required signatures.

7. The judges and Spelling Bee Officials are in complete control of the Bees. THEIR DECISION SHALL BE FINAL ON ALL MATTERS.

8. All electronic devices must be turned off during the bee.
IN THIS DOCUMENT, PLEASE SEE IMPORTANT TIPS for SYSTEM BEE ORGANIZERS! ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SYSTEM SPELLING BEE COMMITTEE

1. Verify student eligibility requirements.

2. Plan and implement the system spelling bee.

3. Establish a date and site for the system spelling bee. Be sure that the facility:
   a. has adequate lighting;
   b. has sufficient space to accommodate the spellers, officials, and audience;
   c. has a noiseless environment with good acoustics;
   d. has a good public address system; and
   e. has two systems that will provide clear audio and/or visual recordings of the Bee.

4. Your GAE District Spelling Bee Consultant must receive the name(s) of the system qualifier(s) by Tuesday, FEBRUARY 16, 2016. Please fill-out the Qualifier’s Form completely.

5. See that the system qualifier(s) receives the date and site of the District Spelling Bee.

6. Ensure that the system qualifier(s) has a printed copy of the official GAE 2015-2016 Procedures, Rules, and Regulations.

7. In case of inclement weather or change in system Spelling Bee site or date, notify the system organizers and qualifier(s) promptly.
TIPS FOR BEE ORGANIZERS

Based on comments we have received from sponsors, parents, teachers, and spellers, a **DO and DON’T** list is provided to facilitate the success of your Bee.

1. **DO** verify that school and student eligibility requirements have been met.
2. **DO** go over the rules and regulations with Bee officials **prior** to the Spelling Bee.
3. **DO** use *Webster’s Third New International Dictionary* and its Addenda Section, copyright 2002, Merriam-Webster as the final authority for all spelling words.
4. **DON’T** change boundaries in mid-competition, i.e., switch word lists, go to another level of difficulty mid-round, etc.
5. **DO resolve each dispute or objection as soon as possible.** If a parent or teacher has a complaint, listen attentively and learn from the experience. The parent or teacher may not receive the answer that he or she wants, but knowing that the sponsor is concerned with fairness and prompt action usually has a calming effect.
6. **DO** remind Bee officials that fairness and common sense prevail. It is easier to handle a problem immediately than to attempt righting a wrong after a champion has been declared.
7. **DO** conduct a practice round; and a vocabulary round is HIGHLY recommended.
8. **DO** have a caller and three judges; plan for a back-up caller and judges.
9. **DO** have two systems that will provide clear audio and/or video recordings of the Bee. Be sure to check systems for sound clarity.
10. **DO** make clear the role of the caller is:
    (1) to pronounce the word and give all information requested by the speller (e.g., sentence, definition, word origin, etc.);
    (2) to inform the speller, once the judges cue him/her, that the word was spelled correctly; and
    (3) to repeat the correct pronunciation if he or she feels the speller is pronouncing the word incorrectly, but he/she may not inform the speller that he/she is mispronouncing the word.
11. **DO** make clear the role of the judges is:
   (1) to make sure the speller has pronounced and spelled the word correctly;
   (2) to indicate when the speller spells a word incorrectly and provide the correct spelling;
   and
   (3) to request a re-pronunciation from the speller until he or she feels the word has been made reasonably clear.

12. **DO** make clear the role of the speller is:
   (1) to gather as much information as possible to help spell the word correctly, and
   (2) to spell the word correctly.

13. **DO** have Spelling Bee certificates, lapel pins and medallions that may be purchased. Please see Spelling Bee Order Forms on pages 32-33.

14. All electronic devices **must** be turned off during the bee.

15. Please refer to our Bee Guide and FAQs at our website – [www.gae.org/spellingbee](http://www.gae.org/spellingbee) - for additional information.
DISTRICT LEVEL SPELLING BEES

1. The number of qualifiers allowed each system for the district spelling bee is determined by the District Eligibility Equalization Formula (see Spelling Bee Districts and the Equalization Formula on page 28).

2. The GAE District Spelling Bee Consultants will conduct bees in the nine GAE Spelling Bee Districts and the GISA unit.

3. The date, time, and place for the district spelling bee sites will be established by authorized persons of the GAE Spelling Bee Committee.

4. Associations may defray the expenses for their district winner and official advocate to participate in the state bee in Atlanta.

5. All District Spelling Bees shall be held on February 27, 2016. The name of the District Winner, Runner-Up, and Alternate shall be forwarded by the District Spelling Bee Consultant to GAE Spelling Bee and shall be received by March 5, 2016.

6. If only one system participates and holds a bee within a district, the GAE Spelling Bee Chairperson must be notified; and the winners shall represent the district in the state competition.

7. Only the district winner and runner-up will be eligible to participate in the State Spelling Bee. In case of illness or other providential reasons, the alternate shall be eligible to replace either contestant.

8. Photographing and videotaping during the bee is restricted to the professional news media and sponsor’s staff; however, flash photography of contestants by others is permitted only before and after the bee.

9. All electronic devices must be turned off during the bee.
PARTICIPATING IN YOUR STATE AND NATIONAL SPELLING BEE
STATE LEVEL SPELLING BEE

1. Participation in the State Bee will be limited to the winner and runner-up from each of the nine GAE Spelling Bee Districts and the GISA Unit that officially enrolled with Scripps National Spelling Bee.

2. The State Bee will be held on Friday, March 25, 2016, 11:00 a.m., at Georgia State University – Student Center in Atlanta.

3. The GAE Spelling Bee Committee shall be responsible for organizing and conducting the State Bee.

4. The winner and runner-up from each of the nine GAE Spelling Bee Districts and the GISA Unit bees shall come to Atlanta for the State Bee with an adult as his/her official advocate.

5. The designated person to officially advocate (parent, legal guardian, school representative) for each Qualifier is to register and will be seated in a special section at the State Bee.

6. Essential expenses will be paid for the winner of the Georgia Association of Educators State Bee to participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee. The GAE Spelling Bee Committee will designate the winner’s official advocate.

7. Photographing and videotaping during the Bee is restricted only to the professional news media and sponsor’s staff only; however, flash photography of contestants by others is permitted only before and after the Bee and during the practice round.

8. All electronic devices must be turned off during the Bee.
NATIONAL SPELLING BEE COMPETITION

1. The Georgia Association of Educators State Spelling Bee representative (state winner) in the Scripps 2016 National Spelling Bee will have met all student eligibility requirements.

2. The state bee winner shall be accompanied by one official advocate selected by the GAE Spelling Bee Committee to the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

3. **The National Spelling Bee will be held May/June 2016.**

4. Scripps National Spelling Bee shall be responsible for organizing, establishing the rules of operation, and conducting the National Spelling Bee.

5. Scripps National Spelling Bee shall provide all participants in the National Spelling Bee with sightseeing opportunities.

6. Scripps National Spelling Bee will award at least $85,000 total in cash prizes to participants in the national contest.
APPENDIX
2015-2016 GAE DISTRICT ELIGIBILITY
SPELLING BEE MAP

Glascok and Screven Counties are now eligible. Eligible Spelling Bee Systems on page 24.

☐ ineligible to participate.
Ineligible Spelling Bee Systems on page 28.

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District 8
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DISTRICT 9
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# 2015-2016 Eligible Spelling Bee Systems

(if your system is eligible to send more than one representative, the number is in parentheses.)

(*New to GAE Bee, **In different District from last year)

## District 1
- Bartow
- Calhoun City
- Cartersville City
- Chattahoochie
- Fannin
- Floyd
- GA School-Deaf
- Gilmer
- Gordon
- Haralson**
- Murray
- Paulding (2)**
- Pickens**
- Polk**
- Rome City
- Troup City

## District 2
- Cherokee (3)
- Cobb (5)
- Dawson
- Gainesville City**
- Habersham
- Hall (2)
- Lumpkin
- Marietta City
- Towns
- Rabun
- Union
- White

## District 3
- Banks
- Barrow
- Buford City
- Commerce City
- Elbert
- Franklin
- Glascock
- Gwinnett (13)
- Hart
- Jackson
- Jefferson City
- Madison
- Stephens

## District 4
- Atlanta City (4)
- Carroll
- Carrollton City
- Decatur City
- DeKalb (7)
- Douglas (2)
- Forsyth (3)**
- Fulton (7)

## District 5
- Butts
- Bremen City
- Clayton (4)
- Coweta (2)
- Fayette (2)
- Griffin-Spalding
- Heard**
- Henry (3)
- Newton
- Rockdale

## District 6
- Bibb (2)
- Chattahoochie
- Crawford
- GA Acad. Blind
- Harris
- Houston (2)
- Lamar
- Macon
- Marion
- Marlweather
- Monroe
- Muscogee (2)
- Peach
- Pike
- Schley
- Talbot
- Taylor
- Thomaston/Upson
- Troup

## District 7
- Clarke
- Baldwin
- Breckinridge
- Dodge
- Dublin City
- Greene
- Glascock*
- Hancock
- Jasper
- Johnson
- Jones
- Laurens
- Morgan
- Oconee
- Oglethorpe
- Pulaski
- Putnam
- Social Circle**
- Troup
- Twiggs
- Walton**
- Wilcox
- Wilkinson

## District Eight
- Appling
- Atkinson
- Bacon
- Brantley
- Bryan
- Bulloch
- Camden
- Candler
- Charlton
- Chatham (3)
- Clinch
- Coffee
- Echols
- Effingham
- Evans
- Glynn
- Jeff Davis
- Lamar
- Liberty
- Long

## District Nine
- McIntosh
- Montgomery
- Pierce
- Screven*
- Tattnall
- Toombs
- Vidalia City
- Ware-Waycross
- Wayne
- Wheeler

## District Ten
- Baker
- Ben Hill
- Fitzgerald
- Emanuel
- Brooks
- Calhoun
- Clay
- Colquitt
- Cook
- Crisp
- Decatur
- Dooly
- Dougherty
- Early
- Irwin
- Lee
- Lowndes
- Miller
- Mitchell
- Peach
- Quitman
- Randolph
- Seminole
- Stewart
- Sumter
- Terrell
- Tift
- Turner
- Valdosta City
- Webster
- Worth
## 2016 DISTRICT SPELLING BEE SITES

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<td><strong>Christy Davis</strong>&lt;br&gt;20 Elaine Drive&lt;br&gt;Cave Spring, GA 30124&lt;br&gt;(706) 236-1849 Work&lt;br&gt;(706) 844-6737 Cell&lt;br&gt;(706) 802-6776 FAX&lt;br&gt;<a href="mailto:christydavis@floydboe.net">christydavis@floydboe.net</a>&lt;br&gt;Facebook: Georgia District One Spelling Bee</td>
<td><strong>Floyd Co. Board of Education</strong>&lt;br&gt;Central Office Board Room&lt;br&gt;600 Riverside Parkway, NE&lt;br&gt;Rome, GA 30161&lt;br&gt;(706) 234-1031</td>
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<td><strong>DeKalb Co. Board of Education</strong>&lt;br&gt;1701 Mountain Industrial Boulevard&lt;br&gt;Stone Mountain, GA 30083&lt;br&gt;(678) 676-1360</td>
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|   | Dr. Rhonda R. Moulder       | C.W. Pettigrew Community Center     |
|6  | 103 Brantley Ridge          | 1005 State University Drive         |
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|   | (478) 218-4566 (Work)       |                                       |
|   | dgmoulder@yahoo.com         |                                       |

|   | Melvin Sanders              | Putnam County Elementary School     |
|7  | 103-B Valley Rd. Southwest  | 314 S. Washington Avenue            |
|   | Eatonton, GA 31024-6515     | Eatonton, GA 31024                  |
|   | (706) 485-7417 Home         | (706) 485-5312                      |
|   | (706) 923-2808 FAX          |                                       |
|   | (706) 485-7090 FAX          |                                       |
|   | MSRSanders@AOL.Com          |                                       |

|   | Dr. Keenya G. Mosley        | Savannah State University           |
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|   | Jeanette Grimsley          | Jones Wheat Elementary              |
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|   | (229) 220-7378 (Cell)      |                                       |
|   | (229) 248-2255 (Fax)       |                                       |
|   | jgrimsley@dcboe.com        |                                       |

|   | Robin Aylor                 | Contact GISA for its Bee date.      |
|GISA| PO Box 1057                | The Atlanta Academy                  |
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|   | robin@gisaschools.org      | (706) 938-1400 (GISA Office)        |
DISTRICT ELIGIBILITY EQUALIZATION FORMULA

In an effort to equalize the representation within the District Bees, especially for the larger systems, the GAE Spelling Bee Committee utilizes the following equalization formula. The formula is based on the Department of Education’s Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) counts for grades four through eight for the previous year. This formula guarantees each system at least one representative at its District Bee and up to 13 based on its eligible enrollments.

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Please see 2015-2016 Eligible Spelling Bee Systems on page 24 for the number of qualifiers your school system is eligible to send to the District Spelling Bee. If your system is eligible to send more than one representative, the number is in parentheses.
## 2015-2016
### INELIGIBLE SPELLING BEE SYSTEMS

Scripps National Spelling Bee has declared all public, charter, GISA, online/virtual, parochial, private, and home schools in the following school systems as **ineligible to participate** in the GAE Spelling Bees.

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