

MCKENZIE COUNTY SPELLING BEE
Grades 4-5-6-7-8

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The rules and procedures for the conduct of the Spelling Bee in McKenzie County are as follows:

1. CONTEST:

- A. The Spelling Bee is open to the winner of each local competition of each 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade plus runner-up in each of these grades.

2. ELIGIBILITY:

- A. A student who has won in a previous county spelling competition is eligible to compete again.
- B. A student must not have passed beyond the eighth grade.
- C. A student must not have reached his/her 16th birthday before June 1

3. CONDUCT OF THE COUNTY FINALS:

- A. All students will compete in a written test of 50 words.
- B. The highest **nine** written scores will be eligible to compete in the oral contest. All spellers tied for ninth position can advance to the oral competition.

C. Oral spelling competition - SPELLDOWN FORMAT

- 1. In oral spelling there will be one pronouncing master and three judges.
- 2. The oral competition shall be conducted in rounds. Each contestant remaining in the Bee at the start of a round shall spell one word in the round, except as provided in Rule 5 below.
- 3. Upon missing the spelling of a word, a contestant immediately drops out of the contest, except as provided in rules 4 and 5 below. The next word on the pronouncer's list is given to the next contestant.

4. If none of the contestants remaining in the Bee at the start of a round spells a word correctly during the round, all shall remain in the competition.
5. If only one of the contestants remaining in the Bee at the start of a round spells a word correctly during that round, the contestant shall be given an opportunity to spell the next word on the list. If the contestant succeeds in correctly spelling the new word, the contestant shall be declared the champion. Otherwise, all the contestants remaining in the Bee at the start of the round shall remain in the competition. A new round will begin, with all of the contestants spelling in their original order. We will have one champion and one runner-up. Both students will represent McKenzie County in Bismarck at the state competition.

D. Lunch is available to those from the schools that have submitted the Lunch Count prior to the competition & provide payment at registration. Otherwise, students and adults may bring their own lunch.

Please return the entry form as soon as your local contest is finished but no later than four weeks before the competition.

Please encourage students to dot their i's and form a's and o's correctly.

AWARDS: Awards will be given to the Champion and the runner-up. Each written round grade winner and runner-up will receive an award. Participation Certificates will be given to all participants.

The County champion and runner-up will advance to the State competition in Bismarck.