

**SEVEN HILLS CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL
2008-2009 GRADE LEVEL SPELLING BEE
Rules and Procedures**



1. There will be a practice round to familiarize the students with the Spelling Bee format.
2. This is an oral completion.
3. A judge will say the word, use it in a sentence, and say the word again. The student will say the word, spell the word, and say the word again.
4. If you make a mistake do not repeat the word a second time! STOP start over and only repeat the word a second time when you are finished. For example if the word is cat, you say "cat" you spell "c-a-p" "Oh no I mean c-a-t" and then repeat "cat" so the judges know you are finished. Once you say the word the second time you cannot change it.
5. The student must indicate words with apostrophes, capitals and other punctuation.
6. A student may request that the word be repeated, defined or used in the sentence again.
7. When a student is given a homonym to spell, she/he must spell the word as used in context of the sentence.
8. There is an element of chance in Spelling Bee competitions. Students will be eliminated in the order in which they misspell words. That is, when a student spell a word incorrectly, she/he must drop out of the competition. Another word will be given to the next student in line.
9. Elimination procedure: When there are only 4 students left. At that point, as soon as one student misspells a word, the next student in line shall immediately be given the opportunity to spell the same word. If correct they will be given another word to spell, if correct again we have our final three spellers. If all students left misspell the word the completion continues with a new word.
10. The decision of the judges will be final. Any problem relating to the spelling of a word must be referred to the judges immediately.
11. Any audience members MUST REMAIN SILENT at all times.
12. The top THREE winners at each grade level will be eligible to participate in the SEVEN HILLS ACADEMY Spelling Bee Championship to be held at the Worcester Public Library.

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