

Dear Parents,

This year, the Scripps National Spelling Bee has developed an online testing platform that will allow Wheatridge Middle School to host an online school spelling bee program.

In place of our traditional spelling bee program, we will hold one level of competition through online spelling tests. This optional activity is open to all 5th through 8th grade students at WMS. Students who participate will earn a participation certificate and have a chance to represent WMS at the Johnson County Spelling Bee.

I encourage you to watch this video tutorial that will walk you through the registration process: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=htXzjpnMijc>

The deadline to register your child for the online spelling bee is **Friday, December 11th**.

Once you have registered, I will be able to assign the school spelling bee test to your child. The testing window to complete the online school spelling bee is Tuesday, December 15th- Wednesday, December 16th. Your child must complete the test before the given deadline of December 16th. The online test can be taken on any device with a web browser, including desktop computers, laptops, tablets and smartphones. This test will be a timed-test and once started, students will need to complete it within the timeframe specified.

Our school champion will then move on to represent Wheatridge in the Johnson County regional spelling bee program, which also may include online tests in lieu of in-person spelling bee events. The county spelling bee, hosted by Blue Valley, is scheduled for January 27th and 28th.

The first step to spelling bee participation is to register at online-test.spellingbee.com. Please register at your earliest convenience as I will begin assigning tests to students soon. If you have already registered in the online testing platform for another child, you can log in to your account and add an additional child to that same parent account. There is no need to register a different email address for each child in your household.

Once registered, there is a sample test that students can take so that they can experience the testing format. Once your student begins the actual school spelling bee test, there will be a time limit to complete it. In case of a tie, there may be tie-breaker rounds that will be scheduled to determine our school winner, if necessary.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions about our school spelling bee program. I look forward to having your child compete to represent our school.

Sincerely,

April Hawkins

WMS Spelling Bee Coordinator