Past Spelling Bee Winners

2014 Divist 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 Alem 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 Fruebloth 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
1988 Cynthia Figgie Pound 7th 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.

You will want to visit the Scripps National Spelling Bee website for tips and information about the Spelling Bee. Its address is http://www.spellingbee.com. Click on “Students and Parents” and then “Study Tips.” There are a number of options for practice. Be sure to also look at www.scripslist.com. Elementary principals and middle-school English/Language Arts liaisons have additional practice word sheets they can also provide.

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In case of inclement weather, listen to KFOR or KLIN radio for information.

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.

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 24, 2014.
Speller A misspells.

OR

Speller A is then given a new word.

Speller A spells the misspelled word correctly.

Speller B misspells.

Here are examples of what happens when 2 spellers remain:

- Speller A spells correctly.
- Speller B is given the potentially championship word, but misspells it.
- The Bee resumes, with Speller A being given the next new word.

Here is an example of how this may play out:

Two spellers remain.

Speller A spells correctly.

Speller B spells correctly.

Speller B correctly spells the misspelled word.

Speller A is then given the potentially championship word.

Speller B is given a new word.

Speller A spells correctly.

A new word is given to Speller B, and the Bee resumes.

NOTE:

- In accordance with National Guidelines, all local judges' decisions are final.
- All decisions made by district spelling bee officials will be regarded as final by the World-Herald/Midwest Spelling Bee.
- Please note: In accordance with National Guidelines, obsolete and archaic spellings will be regarded as errors.
-reek spellings which 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 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.
- 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 are changed in the respelling, the speller will be eliminated.
- 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.
- Judges may disqualify any contestant who ignores a request to start spelling.
- In the event that a contestant's pen causes an error, the contestant is to notify their monitor immediately. They should not try to correct the error until instructed.
- These rules are implemented in order to be consistent with the oral spelling rounds in which the contestant does not get to correct spelling errors.

Examples:

- Changing the form of a letter, an "a" to an "a".
- Over-written, darkening of a letter to make it more visible.
- Crossing out of words or letters.
- These rules are implemented in order to be consistent with the oral spelling rounds in which the contestant does not get to correct spelling errors.
- In the event that a contestant’s pen causes an error, the contestant is to notify their monitor immediately. They should not try to correct the error until instructed.

Rules of the Oral Round:

- Talking will not be permitted.
- Spellers who make it to the oral rounds will take their places on stage, in an order determined by a random drawing.
- Contestants may raise their hands and ask for the word or sentence repeated and/or the definition.

NOTE: The following rules were implemented last year. Please read carefully:

- As spellers misspell, they will exit the Bee, until 2 remain.
- These spellers are our Finalists.
- After the first of the two spellers misspells, the second will be given a chance to spell the misspelled word correctly. If successful, that speller will be given a new word. If that word is spelled correctly, that speller is our champion.
- 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.

Here are examples of what happens when 2 spellers remain:

- Speller B misspells.
- Speller A spells the misspelled word correctly.
- Speller A is then given a new word.
- If Speller A spells this new word correctly, Speller A is our Champion.
- OR
- Speller A misspells.
- Speller B misspells the same word.