



## Scripps National Spelling Bee Online Testing Platform

In October, the Bee will launch a new online testing platform for enrolled schools and local sponsors. The online testing platform gives teachers maximum flexibility in the administration of school spelling bee programs.

As teachers deliver classroom instruction, manage remote learning or a combination of the two, they can offer a traditional oral spelling bee or administer an online spelling and/or vocabulary test, which students can take on any device with a web browser, at school or from home. Our new platform, included with school enrollment, ensures schools can host competitions and name champions under any foreseeable circumstances.

Schools may use the new platform to:

- Conduct classroom- or grade-level competitions with online tests.
- Administer a spelling test in place of the traditional oral spelling bee, declaring a school champion without holding an in-person event.

The online testing platform will enable bee coordinators to:

- Specify an all-spelling test, an all-vocabulary test or a combination.
- Select the type of spelling questions: multiple-choice or type-in. (Vocabulary questions are always multiple-choice.)
- Specify whether they want all studied words (words found on our 2021 study lists) or a combination of studied words and additional, “unstudied” words.
- Specify a time limit for the test, if desired.
- Specify the number of students advancing to the next level of competition.
- Set start and end dates for when the test is available to students.
- Determine if they want students to receive instant results showing the number of correct responses.

**NOTE:** The platform will provide all test questions. Schools do not create questions. During all tests, spellers will hear the words pronounced by Scripps National Spelling Bee Pronouncer Dr. Jacques Bailly.

Schools are not required to use the online testing platform. If public health guidelines and local government regulations in the school’s area allow for in-person events, the school may conduct a traditional spelling bee.

Schools that choose to use the online testing platform will receive training materials from the Scripps National Spelling Bee, including written instructions and how-to videos. Schools may contact the Bee for assistance with using the new platform via [spellingbee.com/contact](https://spellingbee.com/contact).