

Dear Parents of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students,

This year, the Scripps National Spelling Bee has developed an online testing platform that will allow Oak Canyon to host a school spelling bee program, whether your children are learning in classrooms or remotely from your homes.

In place of our traditional spelling bee program, we will hold two levels of competition through online spelling tests. The first step to spelling bee participation is for you to register for the Scripps National Spelling Bee's online testing platform by visiting <https://online-test.spellingbee.com>.

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

Once you have registered, I will be able to assign the appropriate level test to your child. Your child must complete the test before the given deadline, **Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> by 9pm**, and these tests can be taken on any device with a web browser, including desktop computers, laptops, tablets and smart phones. Please, help your student succeed by encouraging them to study prior to taking the test. *Students can take the test at school on any **A day** after lunch.* The students with the highest scores will move on to compete at the school level. This year, our school-level competition will be administered physically at the school, unless it is unsafe. We will socially distance and it may be online.

Our school champions (the two highest in the final spelling bee) will then move on to represent Oak Canyon Junior High in the regional spelling bee program, which also may include online tests in lieu of in-person spelling bee events.

The first step to spelling bee participation is to register at [online-test.spellingbee.com](https://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.

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,  
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See the attached list for the spelling bee study words.