

CLOSTER PTO SPELLING BEE RULES AND PROCEDURES

Please review these rules and practice the procedures!

1. Participants must be in Grades 3, 4 or 5.
2. Each grade will have its own round and the round will continue until one speller remains and wins the round.
3. Participants will be seated on the stage.
4. Participants will spell in the order they are seated on the stage. The first round will include all spellers. Each subsequent round will include only those spellers who spelled their word correctly in the previous round.
5. The pronouncer will give each speller a word. **The speller must pronounce the word before and after spelling it.**
6. The speller may ask the pronouncer to say the word again, define it, and/or use it in a sentence. The pronouncer shall grant all such requests until the judges agree that the word has been made reasonably clear to the contestant. The judges may disqualify a speller who ignores a request to start spelling. Once the speller pronounces the word, he/she has twenty seconds to spell it. The 20 seconds begin when the speller pronounces the word. The speller then spells the word. For instance, the pronouncer gives the word "bee" to the speller. The speller may ask for a definition and sentence. The speller proceeds by saying, "Bee, b-e-e." The judges indicate that the word has been spelled correctly and the speller sits down.
7. The role of the pronouncer is to correctly pronounce the word and give a definition and a sentence, at the speller's request. The role of the judges is to determine if the contestant has spelled the word correctly. The role of the speller is (1) to gather as much information as needed to help spell the word correctly, and (2) to spell the word correctly within the 20 seconds time period.
8. Upon missing the spelling of one word, the speller is out of the competition. The speller then leaves the stage. The next word on the pronouncer's list is given to the next speller.