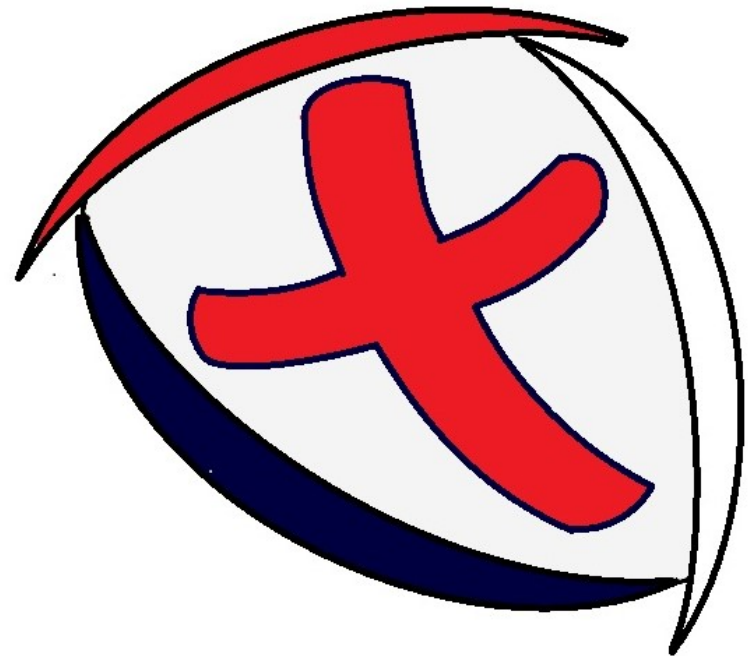


**Georgetown Homeschool Group  
2015 Expo**

**Spelling**



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### Guidelines for Spelling Competition:

- Students will compete in their grade level that they are enrolled in at co-op
- Students may receive a list of spelling words, including definitions, by contacting the competition leader
- If a list is exhausted without producing a winner, the pronouncer will begin drawing words from the UNPUBLISHED list

### Age Grouping for Competition:

- 1st/2<sup>nd</sup> Graders will compete against each other
- 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Graders will compete against each other
- 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Graders will compete against each other
- 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Graders will compete against each other
- All High School students will compete against each other

### Competition Rules for 1st - High School:

- ❖ The pronouncer will give the speller a word, the speller is permitted to pronounce the word before spelling it and after spelling it.
- ❖ The speller may ask the pronouncer to repeat the word, define it, use it in a sentence, provide the part of speech, and/or provide the language of origin.
- ❖ Having started to spell a word, a speller may stop and start over, retracing the spelling from the beginning. **However, in retracing, there can be NO CHANGE of LETTERS or THEIR SEQUENCE** from those first pronounced. If letters or their sequence is changed in the respelling, the speller WILL BE eliminated.
- ❖ Upon missing the spelling of a word, a speller immediately drops out of the competition until only two spellers remain.
- ❖ When the number of spellers is reduced to two, the elimination process changes. At that point, when one speller misspells a word, the other speller shall be given the opportunity to spell that same word. **If the second speller spells that word correctly, they must also spell the next word on the pronouncer's list correctly to be declared champion.**
  - If one of the last two spellers misspells a word and the other speller, after correcting the error, misspells the new word, then the misspelled new word will be referred to the other speller. **If the other speller**

**then succeeds in correcting the error and correctly spells the next word on the list, then that speller is declared champion.**

- If both spellers misspell the same word, both will continue in the competition, and the one who first misspelled the word will be given the next word from the list to spell.

### Competition Rules for Toddler - Kindergarten:

Toddler – Pre K

- ❖ May participate by reciting their ABC's
  - Each participant will get a chance to either recite or sing their ABC's
  - There will be no elimination for missed or misplaced letters.
  - All participants will be allowed to compete to the best of their ability
  - Participants will be judged by the number of letters they recite/sing correctly

Kindergarten

- ❖ May participate by memorizing a short list of age appropriate words (i.e. dog, cat, ball, etc)
  - Each participant will get a chance to spell each word
  - There will be no elimination for misspelled words.
  - All participants will be allowed to compete to the best of their ability
  - Participants will be judged by the number of words they spell correctly.