

# 6TH ANNUAL SCI HIGH SPELLING BEE



## INFORMATION PACKET

**RULES & PROCEDURES + WORD LIST**

**October 24, 2019 | 5:00-7:00 p.m. | Sci High Auditorium**

**Register @ [noscihigh.org](http://noscihigh.org)**

**Registration Deadline: October 21st**

**RULES & PROCEDURES:**

- ❖ The spelling bee is only open to Sci High students.
- ❖ Participants must arrive at Sci High Auditorium at 3:45 p.m. for rehearsal. The practice round will begin promptly at 4:15 p.m. All spellers MUST participate in the practice rounds.
- ❖ All participants will be seated on the stage in an order predetermined by a random drawing of names.
- ❖ Each speller will be given a number to wear around his/her neck during the Bee.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ The pronouncers will give each speller a word. The speller must pronounce the word **before and after** spelling it. Say-Spell-Say
- ❖ 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 thirty seconds to spell it. The 30 seconds begin when the speller pronounces the word. The speller spells the word and then signals to the judges that he/she is done spelling by pronouncing the word again. 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, bee." The judges indicate that the word has been spelled correctly and the speller sits down.
- ❖ Each speller needs to focus on the Pronouncer to aid his or her hearing and understanding of the context of the word. The speller, while facing the judges, makes an effort to utter each letter distinctly and with sufficient volume to be understood by the judges.
- ❖ When a speller is at the microphone spelling, the next speller should be standing at a marked location ready to proceed to the microphone.
- ❖ Disqualifications for reasons other than clear misspelling: The judges will disqualify a speller: (1) who refuses a request to start spelling; (2) who engages in unsportsmanlike conduct.
- ❖ The role of the pronouncer is to correctly pronounce the word. The role of the Dictionary reader is to provide 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 and in time.
- ❖ **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 30 seconds time period.**
- ❖ The Bee will be conducted in rounds. Each speller remaining in the Bee at the start of a round shall spell one word in that round.
- ❖ Upon missing the spelling of one word, the speller is out of the competition. The speller then sits down and turns his/her number card over so that the number is not visible. The next word on the pronouncer's list is given to the next speller.
- ❖ In the event that none of the spellers spells a word correctly during the round, all spellers in that round shall remain in the competition, turning their number cards back over to reveal the number.
- ❖ At the end of each round, the spellers who missed the spelling of a word leave the stage.
- ❖ END-OF-BEE PROCEDURE:
  1. When the number of spellers is reduced to two, the elimination procedure changes. At that point, when one speller misspells a word, the other speller shall be given an opportunity to spell that same word. If the second speller spells that word correctly, plus the next word on the pronouncer's list, then the second speller shall be declared the champion.
  2. 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 shall be referred to the other speller. If this other speller then succeeds in correcting the error and spells the next word on the list, then s/he shall be declared the champion.
  3. If both spellers misspell the same word, both shall continue in the competition, and the one who first misspelled the word shall be given a new word to spell.
  4. In the final round, the judges reserve the right to switch to a separate and unpublished list of words containing common Greek and Latin word roots. The list of potential word roots is included in this packet. Source:

## WORDS:

Abdicate	Betrothal	Diagnosis
Abbreviate	Binocular	Diaphanous
Aberration	Biography	Diffident
Abeyance	Biohazard	Digression
Abomination	Bohemian	Diligent
Abjure	Boisterous	Disinfectant
Abridgement	Buttress	Discredit
Abscess		Disdain
Accelerate	Cacophony	Doxology
Acumen	Cadaverous	Drudgery
Adversity	Caldera	Dubious
Adulation	Camaraderie	Duplicity
Alacrity	Censure	
Alligator	Centurion	Eccentric
Alliteration	Cessation	Embroidery
Aluminum	Chagrin	Emporium
Amicable	Churlish	Empirical
Amphibian	Circuitous	Emulate
Amphitheatre	Circumlocution	Enervate
Anachronistic	Circumnavigate	Enfranchise
Anathema	Clairvoyant	Enlightenment
Anecdote	Coalesce	Entertainment
Antagonist	Collaborate	Equivocate
Apotheosis	Commensurate	Ephemeral
Arid	Compassionate	Eradicate
Avocado	Compunction	Erroneous
Assiduous	Condescending	Etiquette
Asylum	Conditional	Evanescent
Auspicious	Conflagration	Erudite
	Confluence	Euphemism
Bacteria	Conformist	Euphoria
Barometer	Congregation	Eureka
Beautification	Convergence	Euthanasia
Belie		Exasperate
Bellicose	Decimate	Exiguous
Belligerent	Decipher	Extemporaneous
Benediction	Declaration	Extenuating
Benevolent	Dehydrated	
Bequeath	Demagogue	Facetious
Benign	Demarcation	Fastidious
Bereave	Democracy	Fatuous
Bespoke	Derivative	Feckless

Faint	Impetuous	Loquacious
Feral	Implausible	Ludicrous
Fiduciary	Impugn	Lugubrious
Filibuster	Incognito	Luminescence
Florid	Incompatible	Luminescent
Fortuitous	Inconsequential	
Fraudulent	Incontrovertible	Mediocrity
Frivolous	Inculcate	Mellifluous
Frugal	Indigenous	Memorabilia
Furlough	Inevitable	Metamorphosis
	Inflammatory	Microbial
Gaffe	Infrastructure	Mischievous
Galvanize	Interference	Mitosis
Gamete	Interplanetary	Mundane
Gauche	Interpolate	Munificent
Gerrymander	Interpretation	
Globalization	Intransigent	Nanotechnology
Gravitas	Intrepid	Narcissus
Grievance	Intuitive	Narrate
Guileless	Irony	Nascence
Gullible		Neophyte
Gumption	Jaundiced	Nepotism
	Jejune	Neurotic
Habiliments	Jubilation	Nexus
Hackneyed	Juggernaut	Nihilism
Hallucination	Jurisdiction	Noisome
Haughty		Nomenclature
Hedonist	Keratin	Nominal
Hegemony	Kinaesthetic	Nonchalant
Hemoglobin	Kinetic	Nonsectarian
Heterodox	Knowledgeable	Notarize
Hindrance		
Homogeneous	Lacuna	Obliquity
Homologous	Laissez-Faire	Obnoxious
Homonym	Lamentation	Obsequious
Homophone	Legislation	Oligarchy
Honorarium	Lexicon	Omnipotent
Hubris	Lineament	Ontogeny
Hydrocarbon	Lieutenant	Opprobrium
Hypotenuse	Liquidator	Opulent
Hypothesis	Lobbyist	Orator
	Lobotomy	Orthography
Iconoclast	Longevity	Ostentatious

Oviparous  
Oxidize  
  
Palpable  
Parabola  
Paradigm  
Paralysis  
Parameter  
Parliament  
Pecuniary  
Pedagogy  
Pedestrian  
Pediatrics  
Penurious  
Percolator  
Peregrinate  
Perfidious  
Permutation  
Perpetuity  
Perquisite  
Pervasive  
Pestilent  
Pestilential  
Phenomenon  
Photosynthesis  
Pixilation  
Placebo  
Plagiarize  
Pneumonia  
Polymer  
Potpourri  
Precipitous  
Precocious  
Preposterous  
Prerogative  
Pretentious  
Promiscuous  
Propensity  
Prosaic  
Prosperity  
Provocative  
Proximate  
Psychology

Quadratic  
Quandary  
Quantity  
Quarterback  
Querulous  
Quiescent  
Quintessence  
Quintuplet  
Quotidian  
Quotient  
  
Rambunctious  
Rapacious  
Rebellion  
Recapitulate  
Reciprocate  
Reconciliation  
Refurbishment  
Reimbursable  
Reincarnation  
Rendezvous  
Renovation  
Reparation  
Repertoire  
Repudiate  
Resilient  
Retina  
Respiration  
Restrained  
Reverence  
Rheumatism  
Rhodium  
Righteous  
Risible  
Romanticism  
  
Sacriligious  
Sagacious  
Saliferous  
Salutation  
Sanctimonious  
Sanctuary  
Sanguine

Sardonic  
Scrutinize  
Sedentary  
Silhouette  
Sociology  
Solicitor  
Somersault  
Sonambulatory  
Soporific  
Spontaneity  
Spurious  
Subjugate  
Sublimation  
Submissive  
Substantiate  
Subsume  
Subtle  
Suggestible  
Supercilious  
Superficial  
Superfluous  
Suppress  
Surmise  
Surrogate  
Symbiosis  
Syncopation  
Synonymous  
  
Tactful  
Tautology  
Tectonic  
Tempestuous  
Tenacious  
Thermodynamics  
Thermometer  
Tolerance  
Tomato  
Totalitarian  
Transient  
Translucent  
Transmission  
Travesty  
Triage

Triceratops  
 Truculent  
 Turbulence  
 Turquoise  
 Twentieth  
 Tyranny

Ubiquitous  
 Umbilical  
 Umbrage  
 Unctuous  
 Ulterior  
 Unison  
 Unscrupulous  
 Untenable  
 Usurp  
 Usury

Vaccination  
 Vacuous  
 Valediction

Vacuous  
 Valorous  
 Vehement  
 Vendetta  
 Venerable  
 Vengeance  
 Veracity  
 Verisimilitude  
 Vernacular  
 Vertiginous  
 Vicissitude  
 Vignette  
 Virility  
 Vociferous  
 Voluptuous  
 Viscosity  
 Wanderlust  
 Warmonger  
 Whimsical  
 Winsome

Witticism  
 Worthwhile  
 Xenophobe  
 Xeric  
 Xylophone  
 Yacht  
 Yaw  
 Yeoman  
 Yesteryear  
 Yodeling  
 Zeitgeist  
 Zenith  
 Zephyr  
 Ziggurat  
 Zoology  
 Zygote

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Greek		Latin	
Root	Meaning	Root	Meaning
anti	against, opposite	ann, enn	year, yearly
astro	star	aqu	water
auto	self, same	aud	sound
bio	life	bene	good
chron	time	bi	two
cosm	universe, world, order	circum	around
cracy	type of government	cred	believe
cycl	circle, wheel	dict	say
dem	people	inter	among
geo	earth	omni	all

