

BERMUDA SPELLING BEE

GUIDELINES FOR THE LEAD TEACHERS/COACHES

3 Stage Process

First Stage:

- Public and private schools are invited to participate.
- Students aged 9-13 yrs begin to prepare months before the competition- the Semi-Finals and Finals.
- Schools decide on their method of student selection for the Semi-Finals.
- In-school competitions are conducted.
- **By December 12th**, all schools are to register the names of the 3 students and 1 substitute student who will be entered in the Semi-Finals. In early November, coaches will receive a link to the registration form.
- The email for the Bermuda Spelling Bee is bermudaspellingbee@gmail.com

Second Stage:

- All schools will be divided into 3 regions for the Spelling Bee.

Eastern Region (8)

Chatmore, East End, Francis Patton, Harrington Sound, Somersfield, St. David's, St George's Preparatory, Whitney Institute Middle School.

Central Region (8)

Dellwood Middle School, Elliot, Mount St. Agnes, Northlands, Saltus Grammar, The Bermuda High School for Girls, Victor Scott, West Pembroke

Western Region (9)

Bermuda Institute, Dalton E. Tucker, Paget Primary, Port Royal, Purvis, Sandys Secondary Middle, Somerset Primary, Warwick Academy, West End Primary.

Please Note: The Semi-Final competitions in all 3 regions will be held on the same day, Sunday, February 1, 2026.

Third Stage: *There's a Loud Buzz in the Air*

The Finals take place at Ruth Seaton James Auditorium **on Saturday, March 7, 2026.**

RESOURCES

Movies that schools can opt to use as a tool to motivate and excite students and parents.

- **Akeelah and the Bee**
- **Spellbound**
- **The Girl who Spelled Freedom**

Websites that may be helpful, as well as fun:

www.spellingbee.com (Scripps National Spelling Bee)

www.myspellit.com Tricks and Tips for Spelling Success

www.myspellingcity.com - great for students and teachers. The site allows you to enter lists of spelling words and generate tests and games from them

Board and electronic games, such as Scrabble, Uno, Word Bingo, or teacher-made games.

The Youth Library.

The Verbal Victory Video.