

## DAVIDSON ACADEMY SPELLING BEE

### Official rules – Classroom

- This is an oral competition. There is no practice round.
- Proctor will maintain same order with each round. Follow order of words supplied.
- The contestant may request the pronouncer to pronounce the word again up to 3 times. The word may be used in a sentence. Correct capitalization, compound and hyphenated words must be accurately denoted.
- A new word is given to each contestant.
- Having started to spell a word, a contestant may stop and start over. Letters or their sequence may be changed in the respelling. Spelling of a word must be completed within 15 seconds.
- If none of the contestants remaining in the Bee at the start of a round spells a word correctly during that round, all shall remain in the competition to participate in another round.
- The last 3 remaining contestants will advance to the championship round.

### Official Rules – School bee

- Three school-level rounds will be held:
  - Primary: Grades 1 – 2
  - Elementary: Grades 3 – 4
  - Middle school: Grades 5 – 8
- Three classroom representatives will advance to the school bee championship rounds in the above mentioned grade levels.
- Rules of competition are the same as in the classroom bee.
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place will be awarded in each championship round.
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners of the Middle School round will advance to the Davidson County Bee.