



UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTH DAKOTA

Scripps Spelling Bee





E.W. Scripps Company

The nation's largest and longest-running educational promotion, administered on a not-for-profit basis by The E.W. Scripps Company and local spelling bee sponsors in the United States, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Department of Defense Schools in Europe; also, the Bahamas, Canada, China, Ghana, Jamaica, Japan and South Korea.

Purpose

The purpose is to help students improve their spelling, increase their vocabularies, learn concepts, and develop correct English usage that will help them all their lives.

Organization

Headquarters Office:

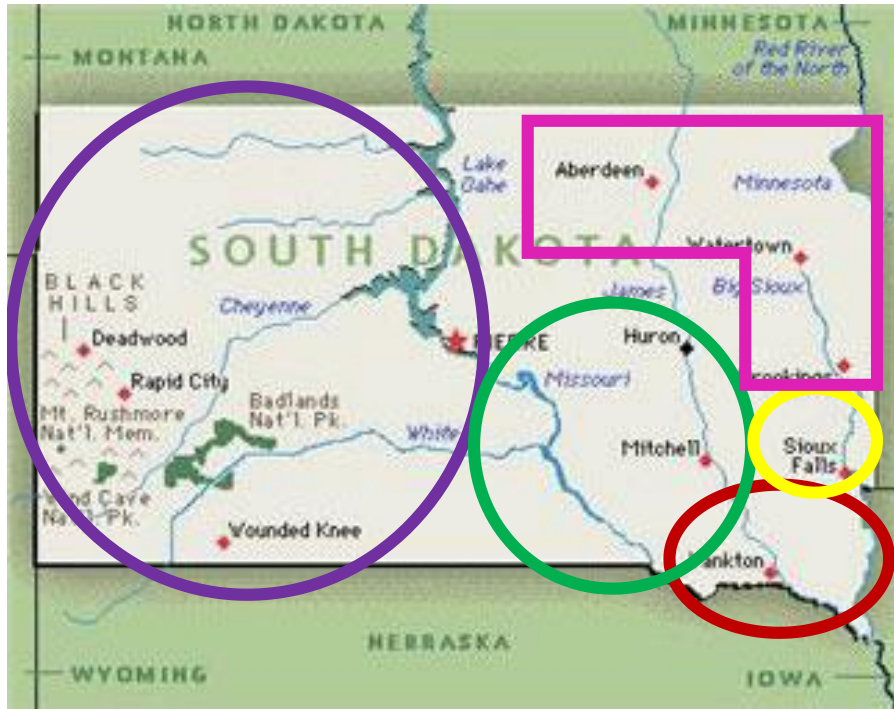
The headquarters office in Cincinnati, Ohio, coordinates the national finals, produces word lists and study materials, works with local spelling bee sponsors, and enrolls schools. This office operates year-round.

USD Sponsor

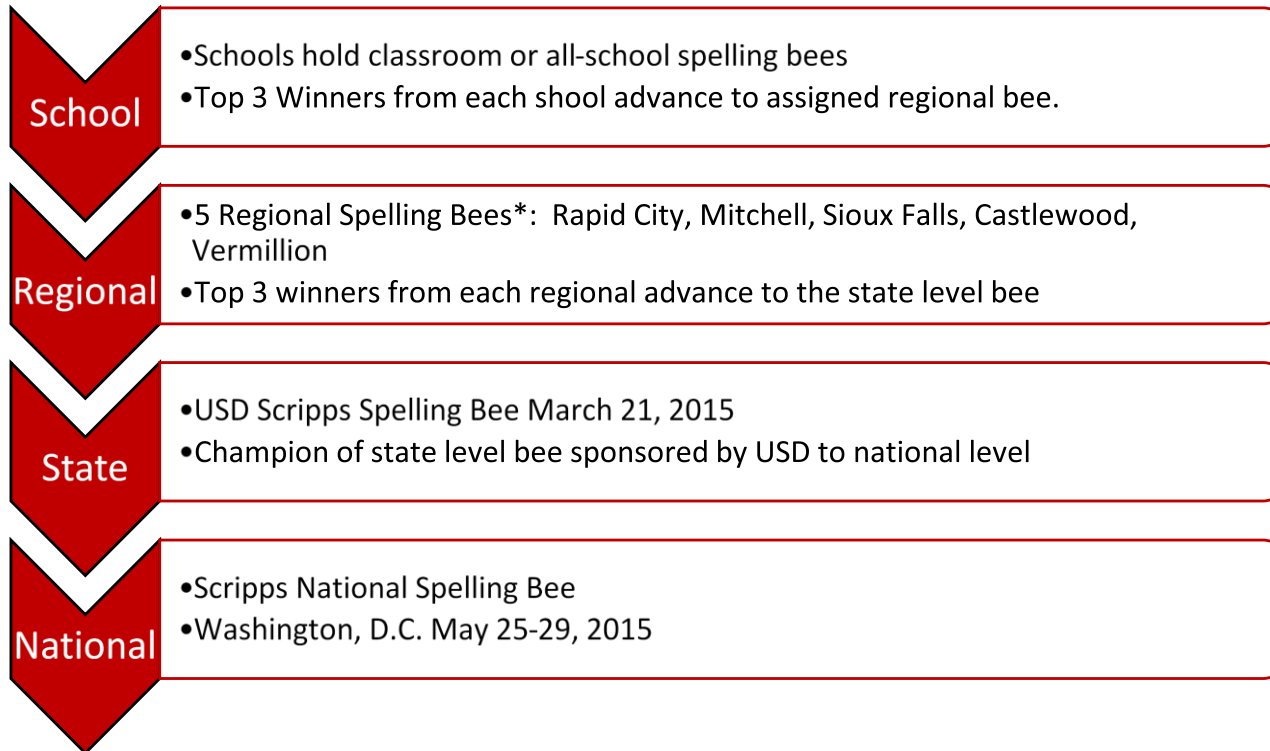


- USD has been the state sponsor since 2012
- We rely on 5 regional spelling bee sponsors
 - Rapid City Journal Regional Spelling Bee
 - Corn Palace Regional Spelling Bee, Mitchell
 - Northeast Regional Spelling Bee, Castlewood
 - Sioux Falls Regional Spelling Bee
 - Southeast Regional Spelling Bee, Vermillion
- Additional regionals can be arranged as enrollment grows

Regional Spelling Bees

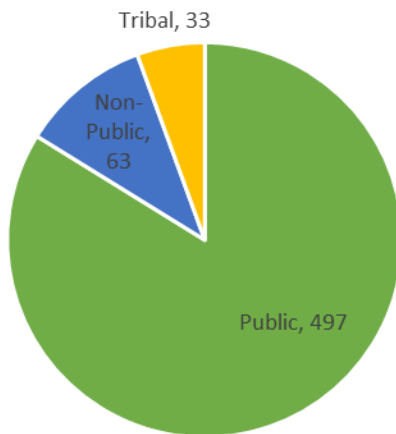


Spelling Bee Process

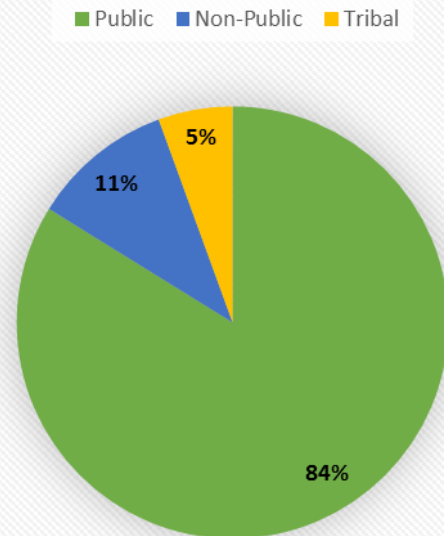


SD K-8 Schools

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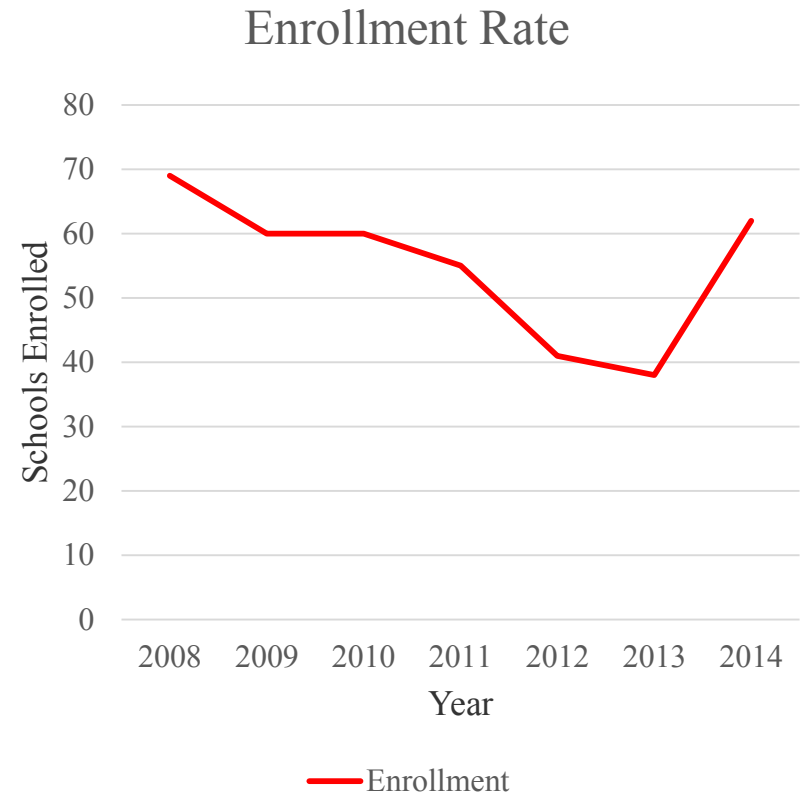
School list provided by the SD Department of Education

Participation



Enrolled Schools

- 2008 69
- 2009 60
- 2010 60
- 2011 55
- 2012 41
- 2013 38
- 2014 62





School Enrollment



- Early Enrollment August 19-October 15
 - Late Enrollment October 16-December 12 (\$205)
- School enrollment in Scripps is required to participate
- School enrollment fee of \$130 includes:
 - Grade specific word lists
 - Study materials for school champion
 - Classroom pronouncer guide
 - School bee pronouncer guide
 - Award certificates
 - One-year subscription to Encyclopedia Britannica Kids online (\$69.95 value)
- Individual Home School Registration \$90 Early Bird \$165 late

Promotion



- Spelling Bee Packets to every K-8 school
 - Sent Early August
- School PTA
- Retired Teachers Association
- Parents
- Librarians
- E-mail



2015 Program Goals



- Increase Enrollment by at least 10 new schools
- Provide prize package to schools of regional winners
- Provide Plaque to school of Regional and State Winners
- Provide prize package to school of state winner



Past Winners



- 2012 Maria Bragar-Henebry from Garretson
(Greater Sioux Falls Home School Assoc.)
- 2013 Max Oesterling from Custer
(SD Christian Home Education Assoc.)
- 2014 Antonio Lansang from Brookings
(George S. Mickelson Middle School)



How Can You Help?



- Sponsor a school \$130 each
- Donate a dictionary for awards \$20 each
- Donate Scrabble game for prizes \$15 each
- Donate toward school prize packages - any amount
- Travel Scholarship for contestants - any amount



All donations will receive statewide recognition and recognition at each event.

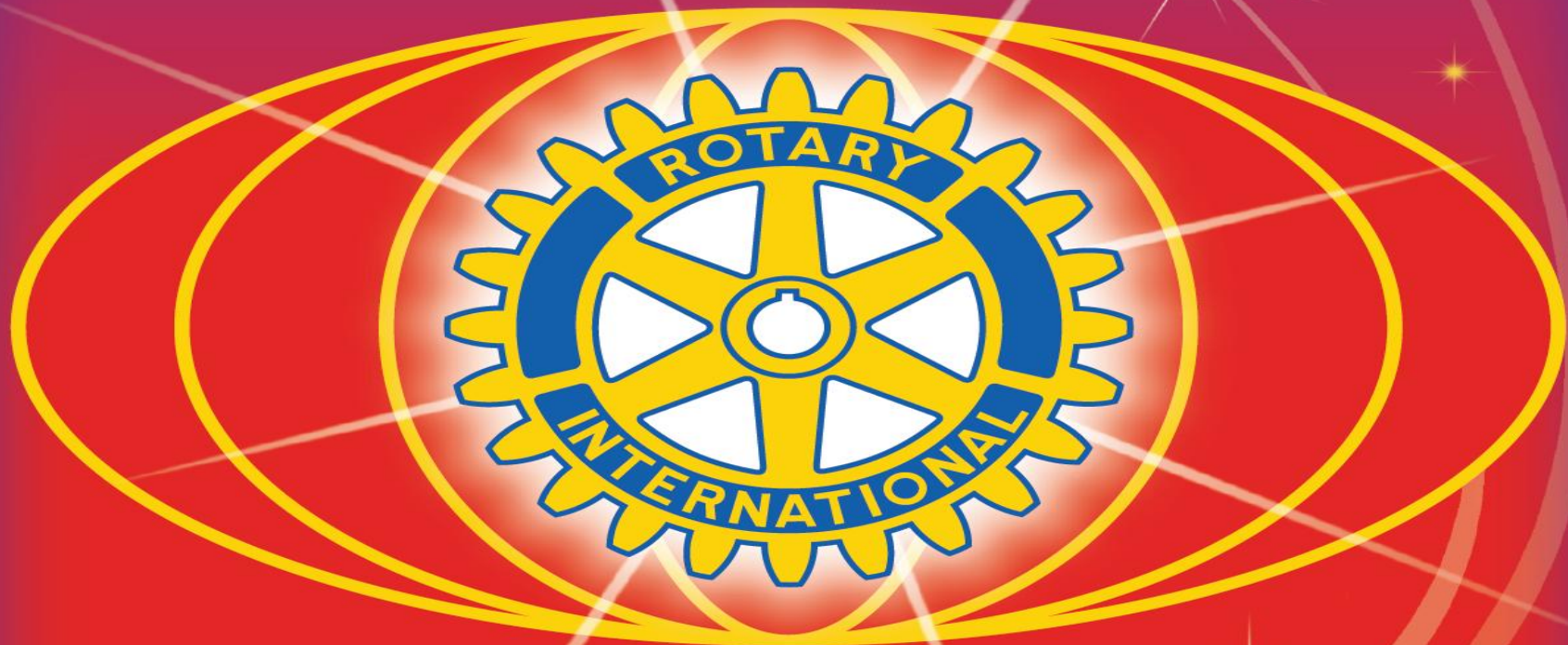


Questions?



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