

Regulations of the District Competition "The International Spelling Bee Contest"



1. General provisions

The district contest "The International Speaking Contest" is organized by The International School based in Warsaw at Jagielska St. 2, hereinafter referred to as the Organizer.

The Organizer is an administrator of personal data processed in the contest. Personal data processed during the contest may be made available in paper and electronic form.

2. Objectives of the contest

The primary objective of the contest is to develop motivation of participants to learn English and to familiarize themselves with the formula of the contest known all over the world.

Specific objectives include:

- 1) identification and improvement of linguistic competences and vocabulary of primary school students,
- 2) practice and improvement of spelling skills;
- 3) work on public speeches,
- 4) promotion of students' talents,
- 5) learning motivation through competition,
- 6) integration of children from different schools and educational institutions.

3. Rules for participation in the contest

- 1) The Contest is for the students of grades IV-VIII of primary schools in which the number of English classes exceeds the number of hours specified in the core curriculum.
- 2) Each school is represented in the finals by:

- one representative of each grade IV,
 - one representative of each grade V,
 - one representative of each grade VI,
 - one representative of each grade VII,
 - one representative of each grade VIII.
- 3) Representatives of schools shall be under the supervision of their teachers.
 - 4) A completed registration process determines participation in the Contest.
 - 5) Participation in the contest is free of charge.
 - 6) The Organizer does not provide transport to the place of the contest.
 - 7) During the Class Preliminary, 80% of words are from the "word bank", while 20% are new words.
 - 8) During the finals, 60% of the words are from the "word bank", while 40% are new words.
 - 9) The word bank is available on the Organizer's website.
 - 10) When organizing a class and school preliminaries, for 20% of words not included in the list, all schools shall follow the following rule:
 - grade 4: words with 3 to 10 letters, most words should have 6 letters
 - grade 5: words with 5-11 letters, most words should have 7 letters
 - grade 6: words with 5-13 letters, most words should have 10 letters
 - grade 7: words with 6-15 letter words, most should be 11 letters
 - grade 8: words with 7-15 letters, most should be 12 letters

4. Registration

In order to register school for the contest, complete the School Registration Form and send it to the email address: sekretariat@internationalschool.pl by **March 3, 2026**. Registration requirements apply to students who have been chosen by English language teachers during internal preliminaries. If a Student Registration Card is not submitted by the deadline, it is tantamount to the school's resignation from participation in the Contest.

5. Age categories:

Categories:

- grade 4
- grade 5
- grade 6
- grade 7
- grade 8

6. Organization of the Contest

- 1) An entire class takes part in the contest. The students who take the first places in class preliminaries will participate in the finals.

- 2) Each school may be represented by only one representative in each age category.
- 3) **The finals of the Contest** is scheduled for **March 11, 2026**, at The International School in Warsaw, Jagielska Street 2.
- 4) Participants are assessed by the Jury appointed by the Organizer.
- 5) During the finals, Jury chooses the winners of each age category. The participants who take the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place are awarded certificates and prizes.
- 6) The order of presentations is determined by the organizer.

7. Assessment of presentation

Correctness of spelled words is subject to assessment.

8. English Teachers' Role:

- to help students prepare for their presentations,
- to select a representative/ representatives of the school.

9. In matters not provided herein, the chairman of the Jury shall decide.

10. The Organizer is not responsible for the personal belongings of the participants and their guardians, including mobile phones, electronic equipment, documents and other items of material or sentimental value. It is recommended that participants and guardians exercise due caution and do not leave valuables unattended.

11. More information about the contest is available on the school website:
www.szkolamiedzynarodowa.pl

12. The patronage of this undertaking by the Mazovian Superintendent of Education does not mean that the undertaking is included in the list of knowledge, artistic and sports competitions organized by the Head of the Regional Education Authority or other entities operating on the premises of the school, which may be listed on the school leaving certificate.