



CITY OF BOSTON  
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September 16, 2020

Dear Spelling Bee Coordinator,

Boston Centers for Youth & Families is proud to once again give your students the opportunity to participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual BCYF Spelling Bee will take place Saturday, March 20, 2021. The champion of the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual BCYF Spelling Bee will represent the City of Boston in the 2021 Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. Prizes will also be awarded to our other top spellers!

The Bee helps students improve their spelling, increase their vocabulary, learn concepts and develop correct English usage that will help them all their lives. In addition to the academic benefits, students also develop important life skills that will help them as they advance in school and eventually to successful careers.

Enrollment is required for your students to participate in the BCYF spelling bee, and you'll get the best price if you enroll **by October 16, 2020**.

When you enroll at [spellingbee.com](http://spellingbee.com) and pay the enrollment fee of \$175, you will receive exclusive online access to:

- Word lists and study lists for grades 1-8,
- The *2021 Classroom Pronouncer Guide* for administering classroom spelling bees,
- The *2021 School Pronouncer Guide* for administering a school spelling bee,
- The Bee's new online testing platform,
- *Words of the Champions*, the 4,000-word study resource for your school spelling bee champion,
- The Great Words, Great Works reading list with all source books for the *School Spelling Bee Study List*, organized by grade level,
- Award certificates for participants and your school champion, and
- Key information about the BCYF spelling bee.

*Please Note: While we are hopeful that the 2021 Bees will take place in person, Scripps has provided a new online platform and guidance on how to conduct a virtual Bee should that be necessary because of Covid-19. More information regarding that process will be available in October at [Spellingbee.com](http://Spellingbee.com)*

We hope you will take advantage of this wonderful educational enrichment opportunity for your students. If you have any questions about the 2021 BCYF Spelling Bee, please contact Joan Lanigan, Program Manager, at 617-635-4920 x2155 or [joan.lanigan@boston.gov](mailto:joan.lanigan@boston.gov).

Sincerely,

William Morales, Commissioner  
Boston Centers for Youth & Families

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BCYF Condon  
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BCYF Curtis Hall  
BCYF Draper Pool  
BCYF Flaherty Pool  
BCYF Gallivan  
BCYF Golden Age  
BCYF Grove Hall  
BCYF Hennigan  
BCYF Holland  
BCYF Hyde Park  
BCYF Jackson/Mann  
BCYF Leahy-Holloran  
BCYF Madison Park  
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