



Old Dominion Association of Church Schools

Spelling Bee Update, 2011-2012

Dear Friends,

Scripps Howard continues to make changes to the way they disseminate spelling bee materials, and the most recent changes have necessitated some adjustments by AACS regarding the Spelling category for the Bible, Fine Arts, and Academic Competition. Please share the following information with your students and teachers as they prepare for competition.

- Study lists for competition may be accessed at www.myspellit.com. Words are organized into sections by language of origin. Words are further organized into "Study Words" and "Challenge Words." Each word list may be printed for study purposes by selecting the "Print" tab. Spelling bee words will not necessarily come from these lists, but will come from the same categories.
- High School students need to study all sections. Words used in the spelling bee at regional, state, and national competition will not necessarily come from these lists but will come from the same categories.
- Junior High students need to study the following sections: Arabic, Old English, Greek, Words You Need to Know, French, German, and Italian. Words used in the spelling bee at regional and state competition will not necessarily come from these lists but will come from the same categories.
- A separate study list for Elementary students is now available on the AACS web site (www.aacs.org). In addition, Elementary students should be familiar with words used in their history, science, and spelling textbooks, especially from those texts produced by the major Christian textbook publishers.

Please note - You do not need to download *Spell It!* in order to prepare for competition. However, your school may choose to make use of *Spell It!* or any of the other resources available at www.myspellit.com if you choose to do so. The purpose of making these changes is so that schools and state associations will not be required to spend the \$99 registration fee that gives access to many of the spelling bee resources.