



Old Dominion Association of Church Schools

Spelling Bee Information

Dear Friends,

Valuable resources for preparation are available to students who participate in Spelling competition. Please share the following information with your students and teachers as they prepare for ODACS Spelling.

- Study lists for competition are available at www.thespellingchamp.com. Words are organized into sections by language of origin or by eponyms. Words are further organized into *Basic* and *Challenge* words. Each word list may be downloaded and printed for study purposes. Spelling bee words will not necessarily come from these lists; however, using these lists may prove very valuable to the serious contestant.
- Junior High and High School students are encouraged to study all sections. Though words used in the spelling bee at regional, state, and national competition will not necessarily come from these lists, using these lists may prove very valuable to the serious contestant.
- Additionally, High School students who aspire to advancing to the AACS National Competition should study the lists published on the AACS web site (www.aacs.org/competition/spelling).
- Junior High students may also benefit from studying the lists posted on the AACS web site.
- A separate study list for Elementary students is available on the ODACS web site (www.vaodacs.com/odacs-competition-rules). 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 that the Elementary Spelling list posted on the ODACS web site is not the same as the list posted on the AACS web site. ODACS Elementary students need to study the list posted on the ODACS web site.*

Although The Spelling Champ web site includes additional resources for sale, ODACS does not require contestants to purchase any study materials in order to prepare for competition. However, your school may choose to make use of any of the other resources available on The Spelling Champ web site if you choose to do so.