



El Colegio de Estudios Científicos y Tecnológicos del Estado de Jalisco through Dirección Académica, invites all students from the 31 schools and 13 external classrooms to participate in the:



Spelling Bee Contest + Festival Académico



Objectives

- To encourage students to put their English skills into use, creating spaces to practice all four abilities.
- To build self-confidence and friendly competitiveness.
- To improve students' communication skills in English through the experience of memorizing and spelling words that are commonly used in class and in ordinary activities.
- To motivate students with outstanding performance to participate in extracurricular academic experiences.

The contestants

All students from 1st, 3rd and 5th semester currently enrolled in schools and external classrooms from CECyTE Jalisco are welcome to participate.

Stages

- Local stage: from the moment this call is published to October 17th.
- Regional stage: October 23rd
- State stage: Thursday November 13th

This year, our Spelling Bee contest will work as a first filter to select Jalisco's representatives for the Festival Académico Nacional 2026. The local stage will work as a Spelling Bee Contest. The regional stage will consist of an online English evaluation, testing their knowledge according to their current semester. The state stage will work as a Spelling Bee prelim + oral assessment for finals. The best scores from each semester (1st, 3rd, 5th) will be selected to attend the Festival Académico Nacional representing Jalisco next year.

It is important to consider that students must not only possess an ability for Spelling Bee, but also a good level of English to pass through the regional stage and final oral assessment.

Categories

There is only one category open to all students. Each stage considers three winners, one from each semester (1st, 3rd and 5th). Students can only register to compete for the semester they are currently enrolled in.

Features of the contest

The student will participate individually, not in groups. Cases not contemplated in this event should be resolved by the Technical Committee in a timely manner.

Local stage

The local stage will work as a Spelling Bee Contest. The committee for this stage will be integrated by the local English academy and the principal/sub/coordinators from each school or off-site classroom. They are in charge to make sure the first stage is developed in proper conditions and to solve any kind of controversy.

Each local English academy will establish dates for its own contest according to its availability, and the words for the contest of this local phase will be chosen by the local academy.

Three winners can be selected from each campus/off-site classroom: one from 1st, one from 3rd and one from 5th semester. Once they have their winners, each campus/off-site classroom must register them through this link <https://forms.gle/VbkcBNDmzspGQkn39>, adding evidence from the local contest October 17th the latest.



Regional stage

A regional stage will take place on October 23rd. This stage will work as an online exam, testing the local winners' knowledge according to their current semester. Links to the tests will be shared with all schools and off-site classrooms in a timely manner.

Schools and off-site classrooms will be grouped as follows:

Región Altos

- 3. Tepatitlán
- 3.1. San Miguel El Alto
- 6. Totatiche
- 6.1. Chimaltitan
- 6.2. Colotlán
- 10. Encarnación de Diaz
- 10.1. Bajío de San José
- 10.2. Teocaltiche
- 11. Atotonilco
- 22. San Ignacio Cerro Gordo
- 22.1. Capilla de Guadalupe
- 28. Lagos de Moreno
- 29. San Juan de los Lagos

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- 2. Tlaquepaque
- 5. El Salto
- 5.1. La Higuera
- 16. Tlajomulco de Zúñiga
- 18. Santa Anita
- 21. Tlajomulco – Chulavista
- 23. Tlajomulco – Santa Fe
- 27. Ixtlahuacán de los Membrillos
- 30. San Pedro Tlaquepaque

Región Sur/Costa

- 4. Cocula
- 4.1. Ayotitlan
- 7. Puerto Vallarta Pitillal
- 9. Valle de Juárez
- 12. El Grullo
- 12.1 Tonaya
- 13. Cihuatlán
- 13.1. La Huerta
- 14. Zapotiltic
- 20. Tecalitlán
- 24. Puerto Vallarta Ixtapa

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- 1. Tesisán
- 8. Ixtlahuacán del Rio
- 8.1. Cuquío
- 15. Guadalajara
- 17. El Arenal
- 19. Nextipac
- 25. Santa Margarita
- 25.1. Valentín Gómez Farias
- 26. Tonalá
- 26.1. Toluotlan
- 31. Tala

The committee for this stage will be integrated by the local English academies and the principal/sub/coordinators from each school or off-site classroom.

Three finalists from each region (one from 1st, one from 3rd and one from 5th semester) will pass to the state stage.

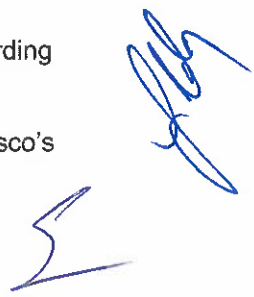
Dirección Académica will share the results with all regions, to identify who their best scores were for each semester (1st, 3rd, 5th). In case of ties, the time taken to answer will also be considered. One advisor from each region will be also selected, the one whose participant got the highest score among the three winners.

Once they know their winners and selected advisor, each region must register them through this link <https://forms.gle/X2RTpgR7PmUyHDVs6>, adding evidence from the regional contest, IMSS coverage proof and the signed authorization to attend the state stage in Guadalajara for each winner. Registration with all the required documents must be completed October 31st the latest.

State stage

The state stage will work as a Spelling Bee preliminary + an oral assessment for finals, according to the requirements for the Festival Académico Nacional.

This stage will be organized by Dirección Académica, taking place in CECyTE Jalisco's headquarters on Thursday November 13th starting at 9:00 am.



In the first round, all participants will have to spell two different words in different turns (capital letters must be mentioned as well as blank spaces). To continue to round two, participants will have to finish the first one.

In round two, participants will spell one word at a time and if they make a mistake, they will be disqualified. Two finalists from each semester will be chosen to pass to the next round or all participants who haven't made any mistakes when the agreed time is up: whatever happens first.

All schools will receive the vocabulary for the contest in a timely manner.

For the last round, all finalists will present orally a topic of their choice, previously prepared. No visual support is required. They will be given up to five minutes to present. Their speaking skills will be tested.

A winner from each semester will be chosen according to the judges' criteria. The decision of the judges is final and not subject to appeal by the participants or teachers. The jury will be made integrated by CECyTE Jalisco English teachers. Judges' decisions will be irrefutable.

Prizes

All winners will be awarded. The first place from each semester (1st, 3rd, 5th) will be selected to attend the Festival Académico Nacional representing Jalisco next year.

Sanctions

Participants who by themselves or through third parties break the rules stated in the present call will be disqualified.

Important dates

Local stage: from the moment this call is posted to October 17th

Registration for regional state: due October 17th

Regional stage: October 23rd

Registration for state stage: due October 31st

State stage: November 13th

Guadalajara, Jalisco, October 08 2025.

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