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**Media Advisory**  
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## Students V-i-e for District's Top Speller Title

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- WHAT:** Scottsdale Unified School District (SUSD) hosts its annual Spelling Bee
- WHO:** Twenty-four students representing their schools will compete for the title of District Spelling Champion. School Bee winners from Anasazi Elementary, Cheyenne Traditional, Cherokee Elementary, Cochise Elementary, Cocopah Middle, Copper Ridge, Desert Canyon Elementary, Desert Canyon Middle, Echo Canyon, Hohokam Elementary, Hopi Elementary, Ingleside Middle, Kiva Elementary, Laguna Elementary, Mohave Middle, Mountainside Middle, Navajo Elementary, Pima Traditional, Pueblo Elementary, Redfield Elementary, Sequoia Elementary, Tavan Elementary, Tonalea and Yavapai Elementary schools will participate in the District Spelling Bee.
- WHEN:** Friday, January 19, 2018:  
Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The Spelling Bee begins at 9 a.m.
- WHERE:** Auditorium, Arcadia High School, 4703 E. Indian School Road, Phoenix 85018
- ADDITIONAL INFO:** The first-place speller and five runners-up will advance to the Regional Spelling Bee hosted by the Cave Creek Unified School District on Feb 23. Regional and County Bees lead to the Arizona Educational Foundation Arizona Spelling Bee in Phoenix on March 24. The winner of that competition will be Arizona's representative in the 91<sup>st</sup> Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., May 30-31, 2018.
- Sheryl Rednor, SUSD Executive Director, Teaching & Learning, will deliver opening remarks, provide introductions and present the Bee's rules. Paul Becker, Grade 6-12 Language Arts Academic Coach, will pronounce the Spelling Bee words. District Bee judges are Barbara Reinert, PreK-12 Science Academic Coach; Mariann Kline, High School Math Academic Coach; and Michael Miller, K-12 Fine Arts Academic Coach.
- \*MEDIA NOTE:** ***Photos and video are permitted only during a 9 a.m. practice round for spellers. Photos and video are not permitted during the actual Spelling Bee, which follows the practice round.***

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The *Core Purpose* of the Scottsdale Unified School District is *To Ensure All Individual Learners Reach Their Full Potential*. The Scottsdale Unified School District offers 30 schools, serving approximately 23,000 students. School boundaries include parts of Scottsdale, Paradise Valley, Phoenix and Tempe. Find more information about SUSD at [www.susd.org](http://www.susd.org).