

IACE Spell Bowl competition

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Approximately 4,500 students in grades 4, 5, and 6 from around the state are preparing for the 17th annual Elementary Spell Bowl competition which will take place at over 20 sites around the state on Thursday evening, November 19. Over 400 teams of eight students each will compete. The competition for the Clark, Floyd, Harrison, Scott, and Washington county areas will be held at Borden Elementary School. The competition will begin at 5:30 p.m.

The Indiana Academic Spell Bowl is a team concept with no individual winners. Each round consists of one team member writing the correct spelling of seven words while competing against one team member from each other school. Students are seated on the gym floor for the competition. Each word is graded immediately and an individual scoring chart maintains a running team score as the evening progresses. While students are waiting to compete, they sit in a cheer block to cheer for their teammates.

The team members of the schools with highest scores in each of the four enrollment classifications at each site will be recognized with awards after the competition. In addition, the top ten teams in each enrollment classification statewide will receive either a plaque or certificate to place in their school.

The competition is administered by the Indiana Association of School Principals, Department of Student Programs, and sponsored by Purdue University. The competition is similar to the Spell Bowl competition held in the senior high schools and junior high/middle schools.

Statewide results will be posted at noon on Friday, November 20, at www.iasp.org. Click on Academic Competitions listed under the department headings, then Competition Results at the top of the page, then the appropriate enrollment class link.