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## News Release

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### REGIONAL AND NATIONAL SPANISH SPELLING BEE HOSTED IN EL PASO

El Paso, Texas (January 31, 2024) – The 2024 Regional and National Spanish Spelling Bee competitions will be hosted in El Paso by Education Service Center Region 19 (ESC19). The Regional Spanish Spelling will be held on May 11 at 6611 Boeing Drive. The top two regional winners will automatically qualify for the National Spanish Spelling Bee to be held June 26-27, 2024, at the scenic Starlight Event Center, 6650 Continental Drive.

Students, grades 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> in the El Paso and Hudspeth counties, can participate by registering with ESC19 through this [LINK](#). “Participating in the Spanish spelling bees is more than just a competition; it’s an enriching experience that fosters self-confidence and cultural exchange,” says Dr. José A. Velázquez, Director of ESC19 Academic Instruction and School Support. “This journey is not just for students but extends to teachers and families, creating a shared adventure that celebrates language, learning, and community. Students walk away with valuable skills and lasting memories, having met peers from diverse backgrounds.”

Sponsors are invited to support this event that celebrates linguistic excellence and regional cultural pride. “Your support not only fosters language proficiency but also cultivates a vibrant community dedicated to honoring the richness of the Spanish language,” says Silvia Zacarias, ESC19 Professional Development Consultant and Bee organizer. “Together, let’s champion education and empower the next generation of spellers to shine on the national stage.”

The public is welcome to attend and support the young scholars as they demonstrate their cross-linguistic skills and abilities. The events will also be streamed live online on ESC19 social media platforms. At the national competition, contestants will participate in various events before and after the spell off. For a complete schedule and competition information, visit: [Spanish Spelling Bees webpage](#).

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