

# PSIA 2023-24 – ISLAMIC SCHOOL OF IRVING



# PRIVATE SCHOOLS INTERSCHOLASTIC ASSOCIATION, INC. (PSIA)



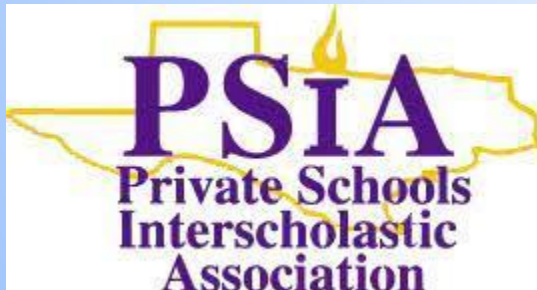
## PSIA Committee:

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→ “Inspiring Student  
Achievement Through  
Academic Competition”

PSIA stands for Private Schools Interscholastic Association and is for 1st through 8th grade students. It is the equivalent of academic competitions like MIST (Muslim Interscholastic Tournament) in schools, geared towards younger students. This competition is open to all current ISI, Tanzeel and Aalimah students.

# IMPORTANT DATES



## PSIA – ISI PARENT ORIENTATION

18<sup>TH</sup> SEPT, 2023 6:15PM via ZOOM

## PSIA – DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION

28<sup>TH</sup> SEPT, 2023 - ISI, TANZEEL, AALIMAH STUDENTS

## PSIA COACHING

16<sup>TH</sup> - 29<sup>TH</sup> OCT 2023 - STUDENT COACHING

## INTERSCHOOL PSIA COMPETITION - IPC

11<sup>TH</sup> NOV, 2023 8AM-5PM, COMPETITION & AWARDS

## PSIA DISTRICT COMPETITION

24<sup>TH</sup> FEB, 2024 @ CARROLLTON, TX

## PSIA STATE LEVEL COMPETITION

13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2024 @ HOUSTON UNIVERSITY, HOUSTON

# Access Information



- ◆ **Login to mail.google.com first!**
- ◆ Use your child's **ISI login** information
- ◆ **Then**, go to [islamicschoolofirving.org/psia](https://islamicschoolofirving.org/psia)
  - ▶ Find brief summary of each test subject
- ◆ **Click on Resources** to access practice tests, PSIA Handbook, as well as rules for each subject
- ◆ ISI is sending out student emails throughout this week for those who don't have one yet
  - ▶ Please look out for an email from Google workspace
  - ▶ **Activate ASAP** otherwise a new email will need to be created and sent out again!

# EVENTS

## Number Sense 2 & 3

### Regular Contest

Two contestants in each grade advance to state

## Science 4-5 PILOT

No Advancing To State



## PSIA Elementary and Middle School Academic Contests and Grade Levels 2023 – 2024



Event	Grades in Which Events are Offered							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Art Memory				✓			✓	
Calculator Applications							✓	
Creative Writing	✓	✓						
Dictionary Skills				✓			✓	
Impromptu Speaking								✓
Listening Skills				✓			✓	
Maps, Graphs & Charts				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mathematics		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Modern Oratory								✓
Music Memory			✓		✓		✓	✓
Number Sense				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
One-Act Play								✓
On-Site Drawing						✓	✓	✓
Oral Interpretation				✓	✓	✓	✓	
Ready Writing			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Science				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Spelling		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Storytelling	✓	✓	✓					
Vocabulary					✓	✓	✓	

• Merged cells indicate grade levels for testing and advancing to State. Common background color indicates the same test over grade levels. (See individual contest instructions for specific detail on number of entries and advancing to State.) State medals are awarded for the **62 contests** listed above. Districts should award at least the top three students at each grade level in each event. Each district may opt as space and resources provide for participating schools to enter up to 3 students per grade level in events.

# CONFLICT PATTERN

Private Schools Interscholastic Association  
2023-2024 District and State Meet Contest & Room



## Conflict Pattern/Time Schedule One-Day, Grades 1-8 Tournament



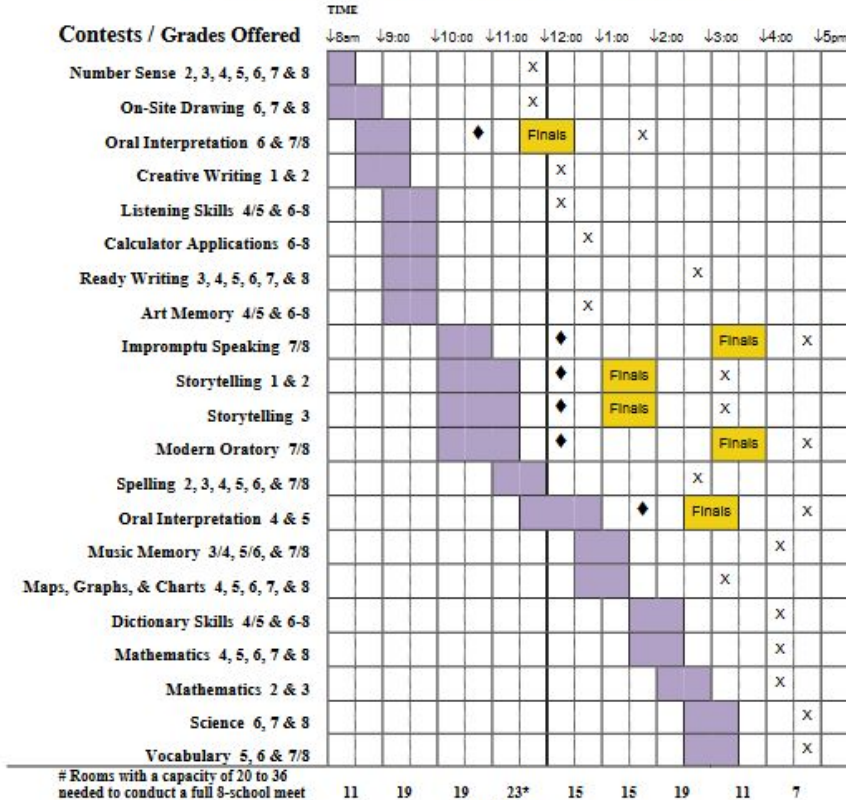
Contestants may enter only one contest during any given block, except for dual entry between a speech contest and another contest. (E) = speak early; (L) = speak late; Contest = Dual with Finals

SPEECH EVENT	DUAL ENTRY
Impromptu Speaking 7/8	Modern Oratory (E/L—Prelims & Finals), Spelling (E), Science (L), Vocabulary (L)
Modern Oratory	Impromptu (E/L—Prelims & Finals), Spelling (E), Science (L), Vocabulary (L)
Oral Interpretation 4 & 5	Spelling (L), Music Memory (E), Maps (E), Science 4/5 (E), Vocabulary (E)
Oral Interpretation 6 & 7/8	On-Site (L), Listening (E), Calc'r (E); Ready Writing (E); Art Mem (E), Spelling (L)
Storytelling	Spelling (E), Music Memory (L)

REMINDERS: No extra time is given in any contest. Notification of dual entry (including Finals possibilities) MUST be given to your District Director by 30 days prior to the meet / To State Director, by 14 days prior to the meet.

THIS SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURE MUST BE FOLLOWED AT BOTH DISTRICT & STATE MEETS.  
Shaded Blocks = Time Allotted for Contest, inclusive of roll call and test distribution, etc.

X = Verification or Viewing of Tests & Awards    ♦ = Evaluation Return



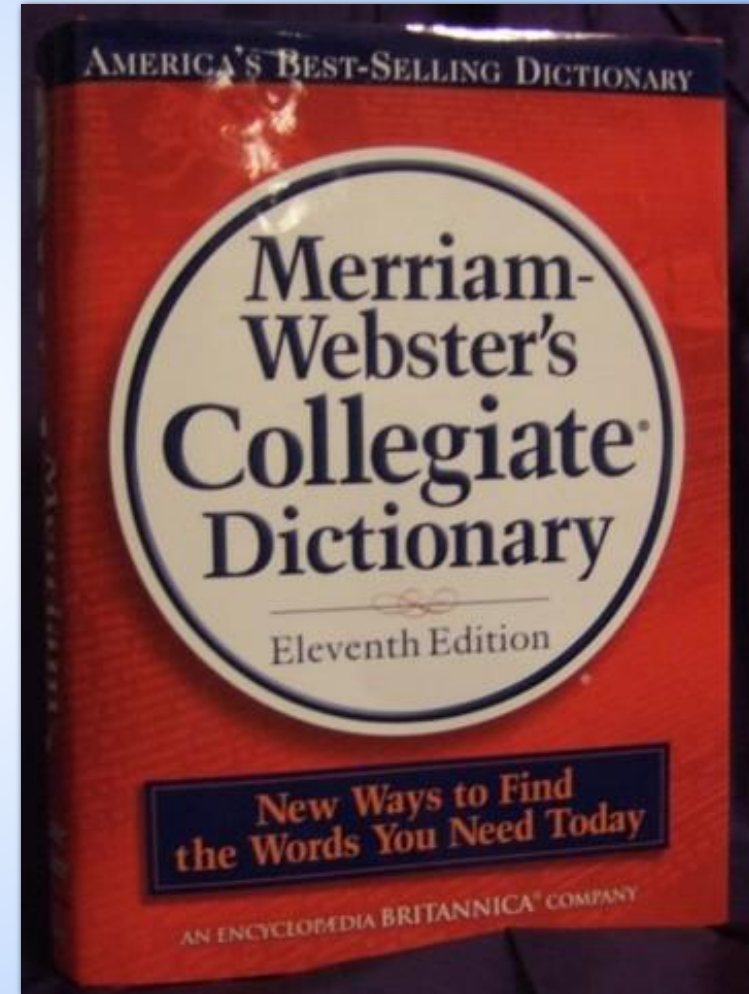
# Rooms with a capacity of 20 to 36 needed to conduct a full 8-school meet

11    19    19    23\*    15    15    19    11    7

# DICTIONARY SKILLS

- ◆ **MERRIAM-WEBSTER DICTIONARY-2018+**
- ◆ 225,000 definitions
- ◆ 165,000 entries
- ◆ 42,000 usage examples
- ◆ 38,000 etymologies
- ◆ 12,000 geographical names
- ◆ 7,500 idioms and phrases
- ◆ 6,000 biographical names
- ◆ 700 pictorial illustrations
- ◆ 700 foreign words and phrases

**Can tab and write?** ✓

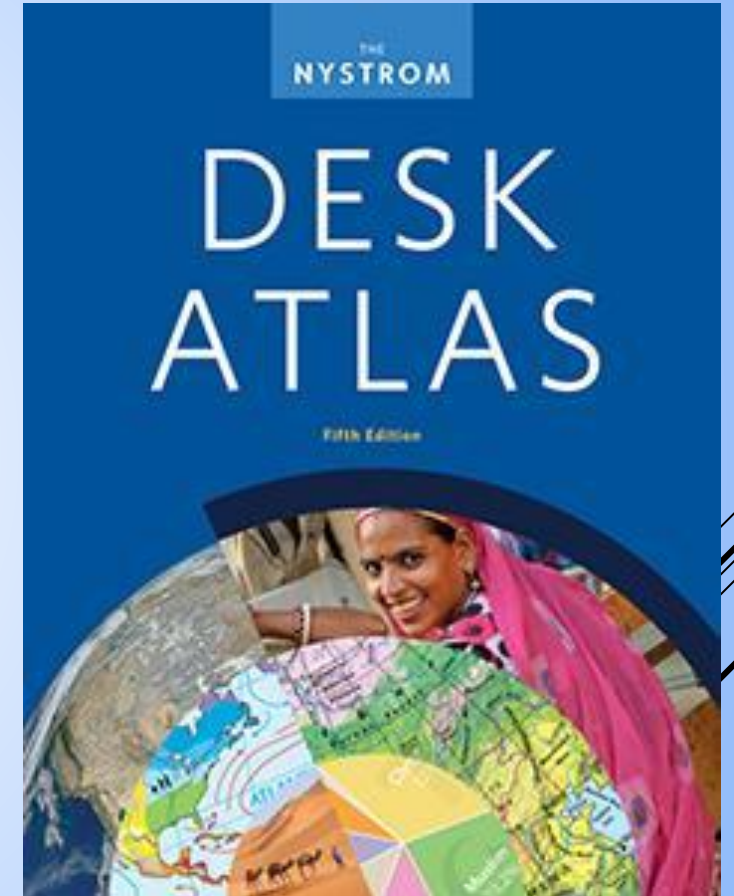


Includes free online subscription

# MAPS, GRAPHS & CHARTS

**Nystrom Desk Atlas** (2018 or newer edition) will be the only “official” resource for this contest. HOWEVER, any world atlas may be used in contest. A 2018 edition is currently available.

- [www.socialstudies.com](http://www.socialstudies.com)



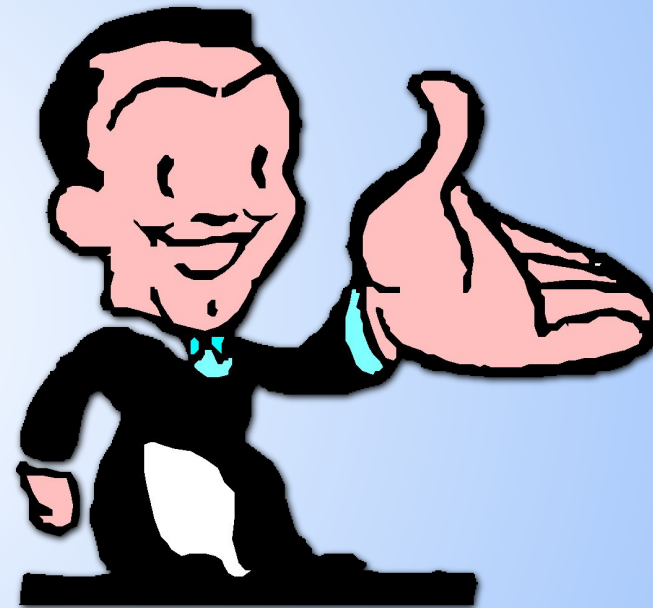
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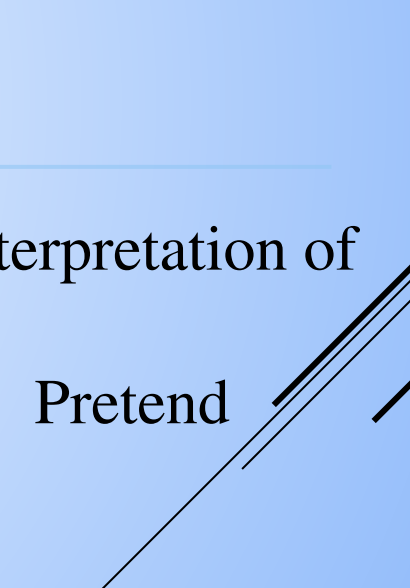
# 2022-2023 MODERN ORATORY TOPICS

- ▶ 1. Are concerns around young people's social media use justified?
- ▶ 2. Is the opioid crisis being adequately addressed by Texas communities?
- ▶ 3. Can government do more to reduce poverty in the U.S.?
- ▶ 4. Has name-image-likeness (NIL) been good for college sports?
- ▶ 5. Does the United States have an effective justice system?

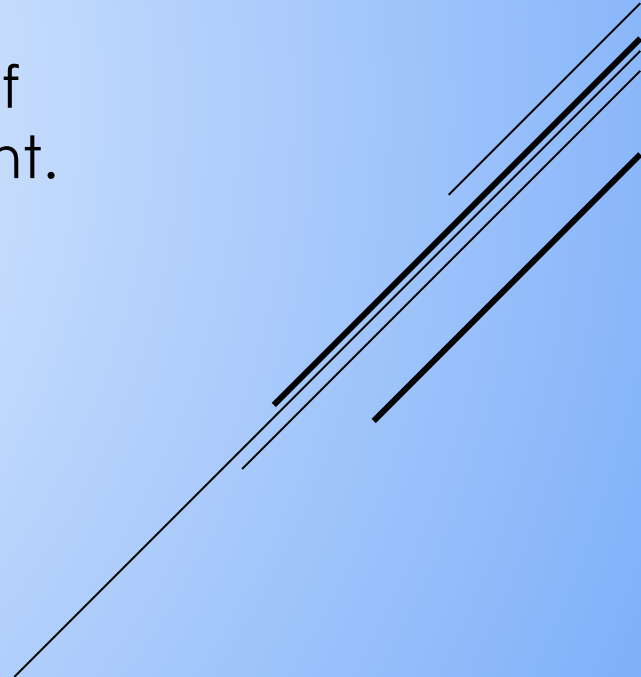


Topics are posted on the PSIA website and in the *PSIA Academic Handbook*.

# CAUTIONS FOR INTERPRETATIVE READING:

- ❖ **AVOID** touching hair, face, or clothing – Touching anything on one’s body **MAY** be regarded as use of a **PROP** and result in a deduction in rank.
  - ❖ **AVOID** over-the-top dramatization, which could make the “interpretation” seem more like a **DRAMATIC Monologue**. Deduction in rank **may** result, **BUT** subjectivity is not objective.
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- ❖ **DO** gesture as a “natural” outgrowth of the words being read. (Interpretation of “natural” varies.)
  - ❖ **DO** use your notebook and give “artful” glances to the pages in it. Pretend to read most of the time.
  - ❖ **DO** voice changes, inflections, and volume variation.
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# OBJECTIVE VS. SUBJECTIVE

- ▶ All writing and speech contests are SUBJECTIVE.
  - ▶ Percentages on evaluations are guidelines for the amount of weight to give to each aspect of your SUBJECTIVE assessment.  
NOT SCORES!
  - ▶ No Ties in subjective contests.
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# POETRY OR PROSE INTERPRETATION

## Prose Interpretation

### Prose OR Poetry?: Documenting Your Selection

• **WORD IDENTIFIERS FOR PROSE:** If documenting Prose, the information should contain one or more of these prose identifiers referencing the work's title, or **other possible words** that signify that the work is written in paragraph form:

story    novel    short story    passage    fiction    fable    fairy tale    tale    folklore  
allegory    anecdote    essay    editorial    autobiography    biography    parable (if not written in verse form).  
places where paragraph literature may be found, verifying that the selection is prose.

• **WORD IDENTIFIERS FOR POETRY:** If documenting Poetry, look for these identifiers:

verse    poem    poetic    hymn    blank verse    couplets    pentameter    meter    epic lyric  
haiku    ballad    sonnet    free verse    stanza    limerick    ode    rhyming    etc.

# POETRY OR PROSE INTERPRETATION

- ▶ Digital Documentation



# NUMBER SENSE



## Number Sense Problem Sequences

### Grades 2-3 Problem Sequence

**Problems 1 - 20:**  
 Addition / subtraction (1 and 2 digits)  
 Money conversion  
 Reading a clock  
 Unit conversion  
 Basic geometry  
 Place value  
 Rounding  
 Recognizing relative size of numbers  
 Basic multiplication (single digits)

### Problems 21 - 40:

Addition / subtraction (3 and 4 digits)  
 Multiplication / division Facts  
 Sequences  
 Repeated addition—multiplication property  
 Unit conversions  
 Applications of multiplication / division  
 Representations of fractions

### Problems 41 - 60:

Multiplication tricks ( $\times 11$ ,  $\times 25$ ,  $\times 50$ )  
 Simplifying fractions  
 Perimeter and area of squares, rectangles, and triangles  
 Word problems  
 Addition / subtraction of decimals  
 Other multiplication tricks

### Problems 61 - 80:

Multiplication / division of decimals  
 Addition / subtraction of fraction with common denominator series  
 Roman Numeral to/from Arabic Numeral conversions  
 Place value and rounding with decimals (tenths, hundredths, etc.)  
 Other multiplication tricks  
 Order of operations  
 Squaring numbers  
 Difference of two squares  
 Percentages  
 Prime numbers and prime divisors  
 Redistribution of factors

#### Remember!

Problem types can appear later in the test than listed, and when they do, you should expect them to be harder.

For example, on the Grade 4-5 test, a GCD problem can first appear between #21 and #40, but it could also appear at problems #41 and beyond (and the farther down the test, the harder the problem).

### Grades 4-5 Problem Sequence

**Problems 1 - 20:**  
 Operations (+, −, ×, ÷) with whole numbers  
 Recognizing place value  
 Rounding numbers  
 Multiplication short-cuts  
 Remainder type problems  
 Even and odd number type problems  
 Expanded notation  
 Sums of whole numbers (series)  
 Roman numerals/Arabic numerals

### Problems 21 - 40:

Addition/subtraction of fractions with common denominators  
 Operations (+, −, ×, ÷) with decimal fractions  
 Comparing decimal fractions and common fractions  
 Conversion problems (fractions / percents / decimals)  
 Order of operations  
 Multiplication short-cuts  
 Ratio/Proportion  
 Consumer type problems  
 Prime number problems  
 Greatest common divisor (GCD)  
 Least common multiple (LCM)  
 Conversion problem (length / weight / volume)

### Problems 41 - 60:

Operations (+, −, ×, ÷) with fractions and mixed numbers  
 Substitution problems  
 Perimeter and area of squares, rectangles, triangle, circles  
 Powers and roots of numbers  
 Solving simple equations  
 Sequences and series  
 Sets  
 Word problems  
 Volume of cubes and rectangular boxes  
 Right triangle problems  
 Multiplication short-cuts  
 Base systems  
 Percent problems

### Problems 61 - 80:

Operations (+, −, ×, ÷) with integers  
 Inverses  
 Basic geometry facts  
 More area problems  
 Squaring two-digit numbers  
 Multiplication short-cuts  
 Powers of numbers  
 Consumer type problems  
 Inequalities  
 Probability  
 Area problems with parallelograms, rhombi, and trapezoids  
 Coordinate geometry on the number line

### Grades 6-8 Problem Sequence

**Problems 1 - 20:**  
 Operations (+, −, ×, ÷) with whole numbers, fractions, and decimals  
 Order of operations  
 Distributive property  
 Comparison of fractions and decimals  
 Multiplication short-cuts  
 Squaring numbers  
 Roman numerals/Arabic numerals  
 Mean, median and mode  
 Sums of whole numbers

### Problems 21 - 40:

Operations (+, −, ×, ÷) with mixed numbers and integers  
 Multiplication short-cuts  
 Percent problems  
 Conversion problems (English/metric, length, area, volume, time)  
 Consumer type problems  
 Substitution problems  
 Solving simple equations  
 Square roots and cube roots  
 Greatest common divisor (GCD)  
 Least common multiple (LCM)  
 Number theory  
 Prime numbers  
 Divisors  
 Perimeter and area of squares, rectangles, and circles  
 Ratio and proportion  
 Inverses and reciprocals

### Problems 41 - 60:

Sets  
 Word problems  
 Pythagorean theorem  
 Sequences  
 Volume and Surface area of rectangular solids and cubes  
 Base systems  
 Area of parallelograms, rhombi, and trapezoids  
 Solving inequalities  
 Basic geometry facts  
 Remainder problems  
 Multiplication short-cuts

### Problems 61 - 80:

Repeating decimals  
 Number theory  
 Powers of numbers  
 Volume of circular cylinders, pyramids, cones, and spheres  
 Sequences and series  
 Multiplication short-cuts  
 Factorial  
 Coordinate geometry  
 Probability  
 More percent problems  
 More remainder problems

# NUMBER SENSE



Other multiplication tricks  
Order of operations  
Squaring numbers  
Difference of two squares  
Percentages  
Prime numbers and prime divisors  
Redistribution of factors

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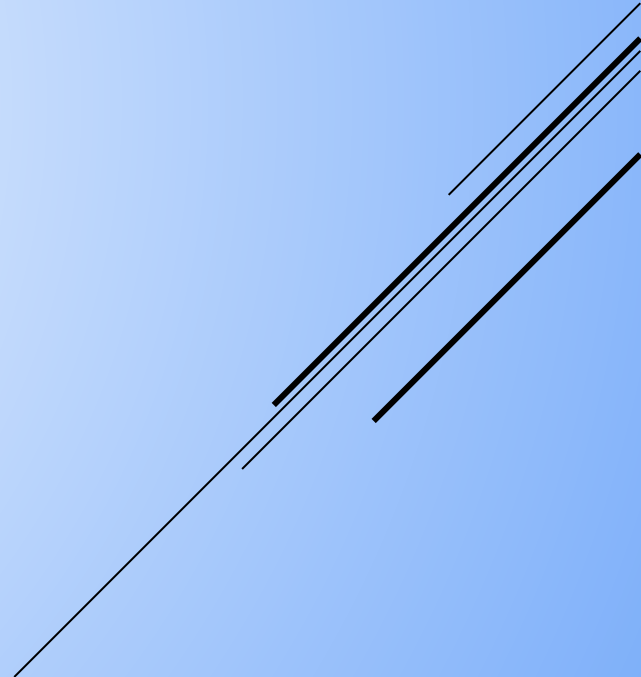
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Powers  
Solving  
Sequences  
Sets  
Word problems  
Volume  
Right triangles  
Multiplication  
Base systems  
Percent

**Problem**  
Operations  
Inverses  
Basic geometry  
More arithmetic  
Squaring  
Multiplication  
Powers  
Consumer  
Inequalities  
Probability  
Area problems  
and

# **Number Sense** - Mental Math Competition

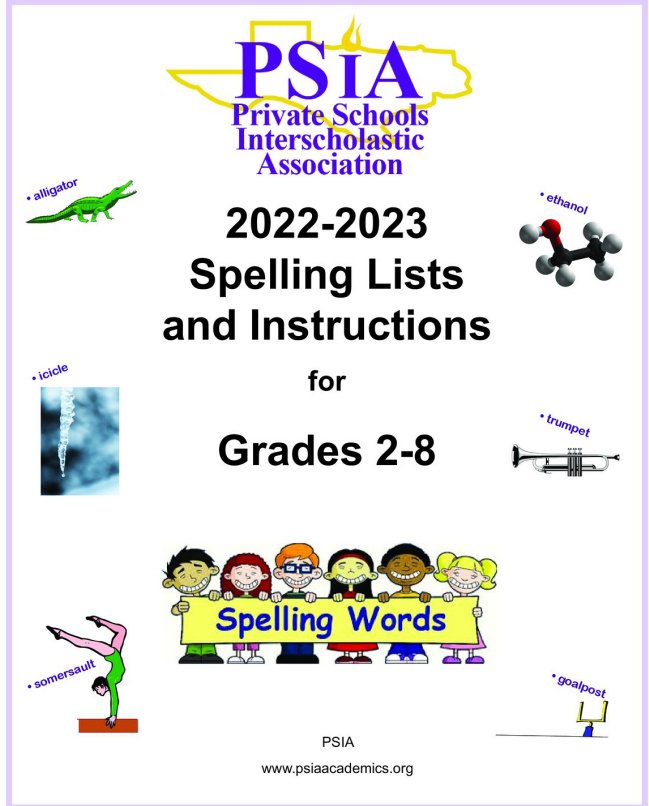
- ▶ 80 questions
- ▶ 10 minutes
- ▶ Blue pen only!
- ▶ No work can be shown otherwise disqualified
- ▶ Scratched answers next to correct answer will still have lower marks
- ▶ Skipping questions will also be marked negatively
- ▶ No negative marks for questions left blank after final answer





# SPELLING

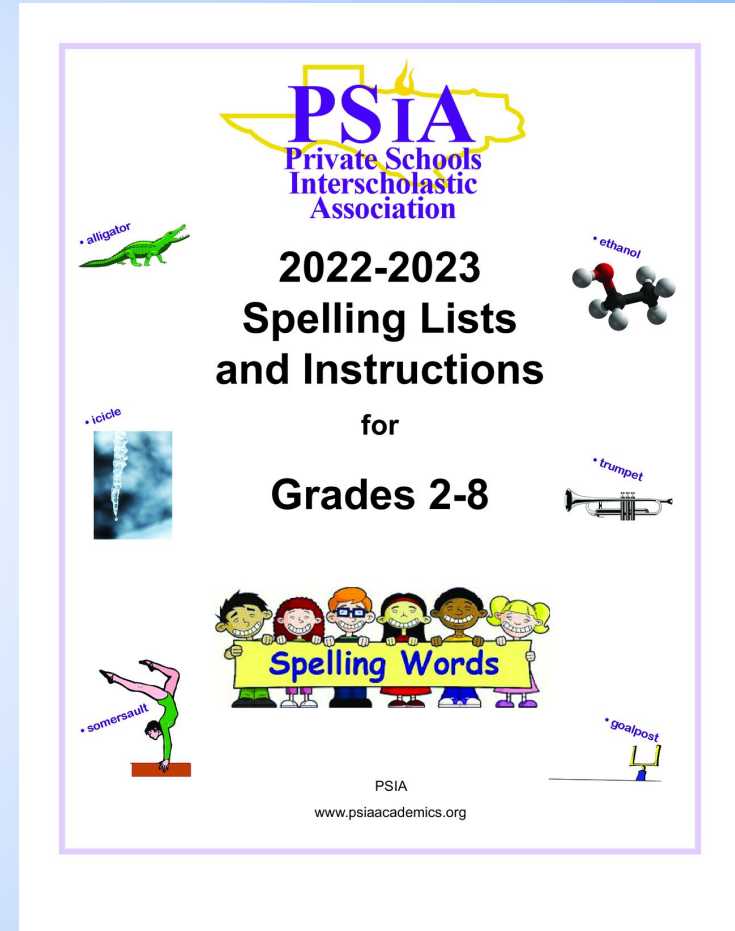
- ▶ 2023-2024 Spelling Lists
  - ▶ Available On ISI PSIA website:
    - ▶ [islamicschoolofirving.org/psia](https://islamicschoolofirving.org/psia) >>under Spelling
    - ▶ Internal Testing in November based on highlighted words:
    - ▶ [November Internal Testing List - Google Drive](#)
- ▶ 600 words (grades 2-3)
  - ▶ Internal Testing **200** words
- ▶ 800 words (grades 4-5)
  - ▶ Internal Testing **260** words
- ▶ 900 words (grades 6-8)
  - ▶ Internal Testing **300** words



The image shows the cover page for the 2022-2023 Spelling Lists and Instructions for Grades 2-8. At the top center is the PSIA logo, which consists of a yellow outline of the state of Texas with the letters 'PSIA' in blue inside it, and the text 'Private Schools Interscholastic Association' below. The main title '2022-2023 Spelling Lists and Instructions for Grades 2-8' is centered in black text. Below the title is a row of six small illustrations: an alligator, a ball-and-stick model of ethanol, an icicle, a trumpet, a person performing a somersault, and a goalpost. At the bottom center, there is a cartoon illustration of six diverse children holding a yellow banner that says 'Spelling Words'. Below the banner, the text 'PSIA' and the website 'www.psiacademics.org' are printed.

# SPELLING

- ▶ Test Words (outside)
  - ▶ Gr. 2-3: 50 words (13)
  - ▶ Gr. 4-5: 75 words (19)
  - ▶ Gr. 6-8: 100 words (25)
- ▶ Regular Words = +5
- ▶ **Outside Words = +7**



# SPELLING

► Watch out for derivatives (4-5 and 6-8)

List Word	Derivative
federate	federation
overthrow	overthrew
ecology	ecological
valid	validity
organize	organizer
affirmative	affirmation
improvise	improvising
thesis	theses
anecdote	anecdotal
philosophy	philosophical

List Word	Derivative
biography	autobiography
barometer	barometric
infatuate	infatuation
oppress	oppression
sophistication	sophisticated
hierarchy	hierarchical
timidity	timid
demographic	demographer
miscellaneous	miscellany
serendipity	serendipitous

# SPELLING

Contestant ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

## Spelling Test Answer Sheet

(Page 1 for ALL Grade Levels)

**For Graders:** Add 5 points for each correctly spelled list word. Add 7 points for each outside word. Erasures and cross-outs ARE permitted. There are no deductions for misspelled words or the omission of words.

Score #1: \_\_\_\_\_ × 5 + \_\_\_\_\_ × 7 = \_\_\_\_\_

Score #2: \_\_\_\_\_ × 5 + \_\_\_\_\_ × 7 = \_\_\_\_\_

Score #3: \_\_\_\_\_ × 5 + \_\_\_\_\_ × 7 = \_\_\_\_\_

CONFIRMED FINAL

SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

21. \_\_\_\_\_

22. \_\_\_\_\_

23. \_\_\_\_\_

# SPELLING

17. \_\_\_\_\_

18. \_\_\_\_\_

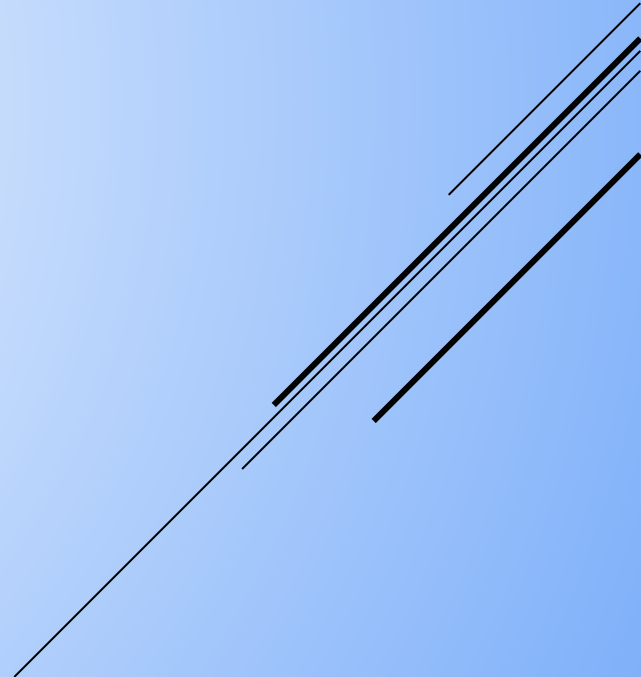
19. \_\_\_\_\_

20. \_\_\_\_\_

37. \_\_\_\_\_

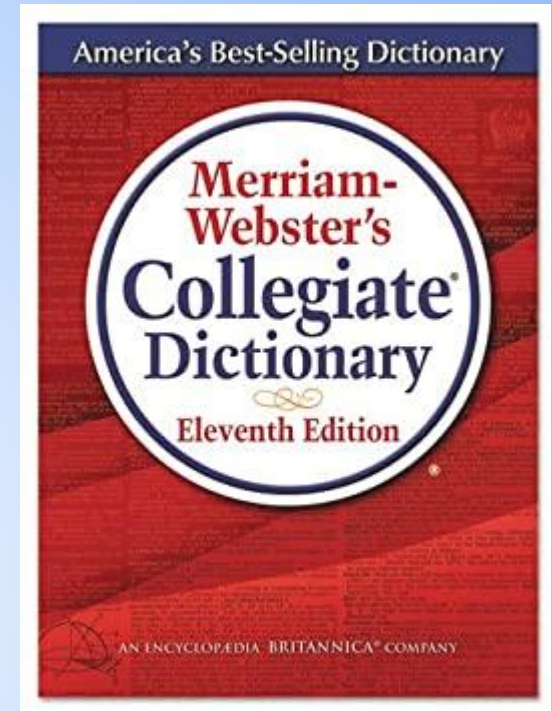
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# SPELLING

- ▶ Delivery of the words via computer audio file (.mp3) to be played in the classroom
  - ▶ Proper nouns, 1st letter should be capitalized
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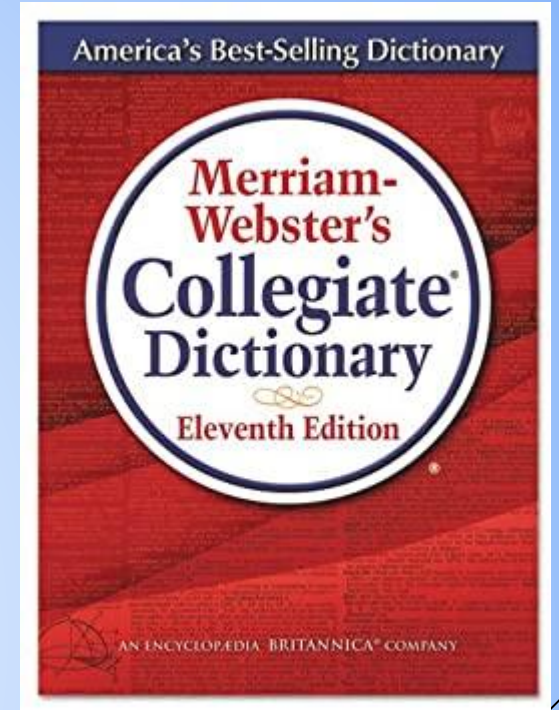
# SPELLING

- ▶ Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary
- ▶ 11<sup>th</sup> ed.
- ▶ 2018+



# VOCABULARY

- ▶ Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary
- ▶ 11<sup>th</sup> ed.
- ▶ 2018+
- ▶ 300 words found in ISI PSIA Website
- ▶ Quizlet under resources>>Vocabulary
- ▶ 2023-2024 Vocabulary List
- ▶ Available On ISI PSIA website:
  - ▶ [islamicschoolofirving.org/psia](https://islamicschoolofirving.org/psia) >>under Vocabulary
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## Vocabulary Daily

October 3, 2022

### **gourmand**

*noun*

one who is excessively fond of eating and drinking

[dictionary](#)

### **impel**

*verb*

drive or urge forward

[dictionary](#)

### **perfunctory**

*adjective*

superficially; lacking in interest or enthusiasm

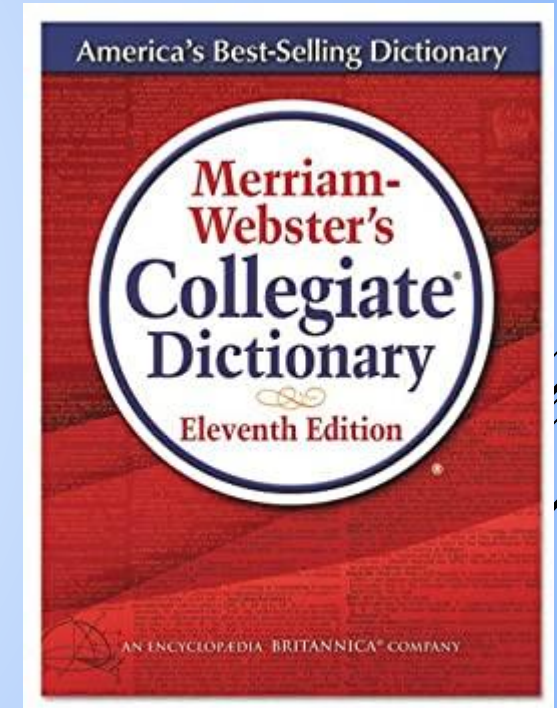
[dictionary](#)

# VOCABULARY DAILY

- **3 new words Mon-Thurs**
- **3 question quiz on Fridays**
- **<https://quizlet.com/807814475/psia-vocabulary-2023-2024-flash-cards/?x=1jqt>**
- **Starts October 3<sup>rd</sup>**
- **Runs through mid-February**

# DICTIONARY SKILLS

- ▶ Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary
- ▶ 11<sup>th</sup> ed.
- ▶ 2018+



# DICTIONARY SKILLS

- ▶ Teaching Tip: Be wary of “double searches”

25. Ariel is the name of a prankish spirit in a Shakespearan play. What does the name of this play refer to?
- A. a violent storm
  - B. forbidden love
  - C. a religious structure
  - D. a knight

## Ariel noun

Ar·i·el ( 'a-rē-əl ◀▶ ) 'er-ē-

: a prankish spirit in Shakespeare's *The Tempest*

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## tempest 1 of 2 noun

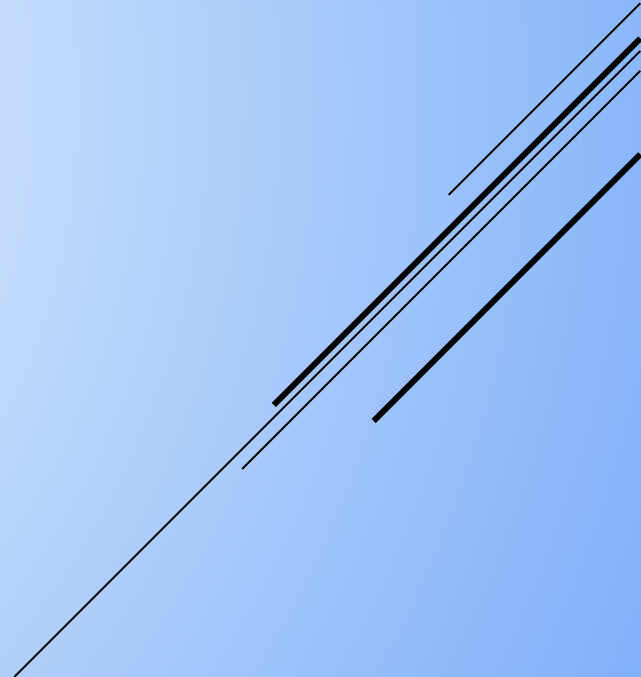
tem·pest 'tem-pəst

- 1 : a violent storm
- 2 : **TUMULT, UPROAR**

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# INFORMATION SKILLS

- ▶ No Information Skills Test anymore



# POTENTIAL COSTS

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## RESOURCE PRINTING

<https://islamicschoolofirving.org/PSIA>

2

## ENTERING COMPETITION

When selected: \$25 for first entry and \$5 extra for each additional entry for limit of 4 competitions max

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## PURCHASING OWN RESOURCES

### Dictionaries

- Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary, 11th edition
- Texas Educational Paperbacks for a discount to PSIA individuals by calling 1-800-443-207

### Atlases

- Nystrom Desk Atlas (2018 or newer edition)
- Social Studies School Service. Call 1-800-421-4246, or go to <http://www.socialstudies.com>

# HOW CAN YOU HELP?

## ● PSIA NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!!!

We will be sending 85-90 competitors - this means we need 35 to 40 volunteers mandatory from ISI!

## ● STUDENT COACHING

OCT 16 - 29 - Help students prep for the PSIA competition through coaching!

## ● INTERNAL SCHOOL COMPETITION

11/11/2023 - Proctoring & grading competition within school to select 2-3 students in each grade & category to participate in regionals  
Volunteering on this day is mandatory!

## ● PSIA REGIONAL COMPETITION

02/24/2024 - Regional competition, competition with 5-10 other schools, winners proceed to state level PSIA competition

## ● PSIA STATE LEVEL COMPETITION

04/13/2024 - Winners from regional competition proceed to state level. Top 3 elementary/middle schools recognized

# Coaching

- ▶ Ideally afterschool for 1 hour 3:45-4:45pm
  - ▶ 1 time every week for 2 weeks (2 hours total before internal competition)
  - ▶ However, in the end, it is upto the Coach
  - ▶ 30 min instructions on rules of test
  - ▶ other 30 min test taking
  - ▶ Be available on chat to answer student questions after the 2 weeks
  - ▶ Parents can attend the coaching session with the student
    - ▶ You will be needed as future coaches





**CELEBRATING 26 YEARS**

*Inspiring Student Achievement  
Through Academic Competition*



# *Last Year's State Champions!*

- ❖ 1st Place Winners = 2, both in Science
- ❖ 2nd Place Winners = 3, in Number Sense and Math
- ❖ 3rd Place Winner = 1, Maps, Graphs, and Charts
- ❖ 4th Place Winner = 1, Information Skills
- ❖ 7th, 8th, 9th Winners = Also 1 each, Spelling, Science, and Number Sense

