



Rankin's Underwood Wins 2022 TPSD Spelling Bee

TUPELO, Miss. — L-E-T-H-A-L. And with that correct spelling, a quiet and composed Jonah Underwood of Rankin Elementary was crowned the 2022 Tupelo Public School Spelling Bee champion.

The 4th-grader won the annual event, held at Church Street Elementary Thursday afternoon, in the ninth round, holding off Milam's Landon Lemonds, who misspelled, diagonal.

"I'm glad it's over," Underwood said. "I got a good word."

Underwood now advances to the state spelling bee, which will be held later this spring.

All Participants

Lawhon

Abigail Bautista
Benjamin Dolby

Lawndale

Warren Funderburk
Elias Yafai

Milam

Landon Lemonds
Celia Johnston

Pierce Street

Jalyn Scruggs
Ann Hassan

Rankin

Skylar Mister
Johan Underwood

Tupelo Middle School

Caylee Naylor
Mac Wilemon