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EL PASO TO HOST 2025 TEXAS STATE SPANISH SPELLING BEE COMPETITION PRESENTED BY EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER REGION 19

(El Paso, Texas) – Education Service Center Region 19 (ESC19) is proud to host the 2025 **Texas State Spanish Spelling Bee** on **June 18–19** at the **Starlight Event Center**, located at 6650 Continental Dr. in El Paso.

This is the **first time the state competition is being held in Texas**, and El Paso has the honor of welcoming students and families from across the state—including cities as far as Austin. Competitors in grades 4–8 have advanced through classroom, campus, district, and regional levels to earn their place at the state Bee.

The two-day event kicks off Wednesday, June 18, with cultural activities and networking opportunities that showcase the richness and diversity of the El Paso region. The **official Texas State Spanish Spelling Bee competition will take place the morning of Thursday, June 19**, followed by an **awards ceremony** that evening. The top spellers will qualify to represent Texas at the **National Spanish Spelling Bee**, to be held July 11–12 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

“El Paso is proud to welcome the best young Spanish spellers in the state,” says **Dr. José A. Velázquez**, Director of ESC19 Academic Instruction and School Support. “This event is more than a spelling competition—it’s a celebration of language, culture, and community. Students walk away with lifelong memories and skills that go beyond the classroom.”

The **Mayor of El Paso, Renard Johnson**, will officially welcome participants with a special address. The Texas State Spanish Spelling Bee is free and open to the public. **All events will also be livestreamed on ESC19’s YouTube channel (@ESCRegion19)** so families and communities across the state can tune in and show their support.

“This event is made possible thanks to the support of our community sponsors and champions of education,” adds **Silvia Zacarias**, ESC19 Professional Development Consultant and event organizer. “Together, we celebrate the Spanish language and empower the next generation of scholars.”

For the full event schedule and competition details, please visit the [Spanish Spelling Bees webpage](#).

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