ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS & EVENTS

Marin County Office of Education (MCOE) coordinates a number of regional, county and statewide competitions with the purpose of encouraging and supporting academic excellence. Each event targets a different cadre of talented students. Every school within Marin County, public and private, is welcome to participate.

2019-2020 Calendar

October: Cross Country Championship
Oct. – Nov.: Regional/County Spelling Bees
Nov. – March: Mathletes
January/February: Mock Trial
March/April: STEAM Showcase
May: Track & Field
Junior High State Spelling Bee

Marin County Academic Competitions

Coordinated by the Marin County Office of Education

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The Marin County Office of Education coordinates the Marin County Middle School Cross Country and Track and Field events. Hundreds of students gather to compete in these athletic events. Ribbons and awards are presented for outstanding performances.

**Cross Country (6-8)**

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**FEES:** $20.00 per runner  
$200.00 per school (ten or more runners)

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**Track & Field (6-8)**

- **Coaches’ Meeting**: March 9, 2020  
  MCOE (4:00 p.m.)
- **Track & Field Area Meets**: Dates: TBD  
  Location: TBD  
  Time: TBD
- **Championship Meet**: May 1, 2020  
  Location: TBD  
  Time: 10:00 a.m.
- **Evaluation/ Awards Meeting**: May 4, 2020  
  MCOE (4:00 p.m.)

**FEES:** $25.00 per runner  
$250.00 per school (ten or more runners)

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**Farm Day (K-6)**

- **Theme**: TBD
- **Location**: Marin Exhibition Hall  
  March 2020  
  (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

Funding generously provided by the Dino J. Ghilotti Foundation
**Mathletes (7-8)**

Mathletes is a series of four rounds, challenging students to solve individual and team problems, accumulating points. Each school sends a five-member team with an alternate for each grade level. Team awards are given at the final round. Individual awards for perfect scores are given at each meet. Sixth grade teams have an opportunity to participate in the final round.

When:  
Round 1: November 12, 2019  
Round 2: January 14, 2020  
Round 3: February 11, 2020  
Round 4: March 17, 2020  
4:00 p.m.

Where:  San Jose Middle School – Novato

**FEE:** $300.00 per school

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**Mock Trial (9-12)**

In Marin County courtrooms, high school Mock Trial teams prepare and present both the prosecution and defense for a hypothetical case before actual judges and attorneys. These cases involve the law and constitutional issues. Unlike real court, teams must adhere to time restraints and competition rules requiring students to not only understand the issues but to perform their roles in a clear, concise manner. The winning team represents Marin County in the State Mock Trial Competition. That winner moves on to the national competition. Individual and team awards are presented for outstanding performances.

**Coaches’ Meeting**  
September 16, 2019 / MCOE Marin Room  
(4:00 p.m.)

**Rounds 1, 2 & 3**  
January 25, 2020 / Marin Civic Center (8:00 a.m.)

**Rounds 4, 5 & Final**  
February 1, 2020 / Marin Civic Center (8:00 a.m.)

**State Mock Trial**  
March 20-22, 2020 / Los Angeles, California

**National Mock Trials**  
May 6-9, 2020 / Evansville, Indiana

**BASE FEE:** $850.00 (less than eight members)

**PARTICIPANT FEE:** $100.00 / participant (more than 8 members)

**ADMIN. FEE:** $100.00
Elementary and Junior High Spelling Bees begin at the school level. Elementary school winners participate in regional spelling bees. Regional winners move on to the county competition with winners going to the State Spelling Bee Championship. Junior high school winners go directly to the county competition with winners moving on to the State Spelling Bee Championship. Awards are presented at the end of each of these rounds of competition.

### Elementary Spelling Bees (4-6)

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<td>October 3, 2019</td>
<td>Lucas Valley Elementary School</td>
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<td>San Rafael Bee</td>
<td>October 10, 2019</td>
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<td>South Bee</td>
<td>October 16, 2019</td>
<td>Old Mill School</td>
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<td>Central Bee</td>
<td>October 23, 2019</td>
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<td>Novato Bee</td>
<td>October 29, 2019</td>
<td>San Jose Middle School</td>
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**Time:** 3:30 p.m.  
**FEE:** $200 per school

### Elementary Spelling Bee County Championship

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<td>November 2, 2019</td>
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### Elementary Spelling Bee State Championship

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<td>May 9, 2020</td>
<td>San Joaquin County (9:00 a.m.)</td>
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### Junior High Spelling Bees (7-9)

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<td>Junior High County Bee (7-9)</td>
<td>December 7, 2019</td>
<td>MCOE Community Room (9:00 a.m.)</td>
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<td>May 2, 2020</td>
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<td><strong>FEE: $350.00 per county</strong></td>
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### SECONDARY STEAM SHOWCASE (7-12)

March 2-9, 2020  
**Location:** TBD

### ELEMENTARY STEAM SHOWCASE (4-6)

March 30-31, April 1-2, 2020  
**Location:** TBD

**FEES:** TBD