Mount Carmel School
Spelling Policy
2020-2021

Spelling is a graded subject in first through third grades. In fourth and fifth grade, spelling is included in the English Language Arts grade. Students are to be held accountable for spelling in content areas following these policies:

1. At no time is a student to miss an entire question on a test for a spelling error.

2. On content area tests where no word bank is provided, the teacher may mark spelling errors but no points are to be deducted.

3. Should a content area teacher want to include accountability in spelling as part of a test grade (e.g., states and capitals, minerals and symbols, historical events), this must be made clear when preparing for the test. Again, the student should not miss the entire questions for the spelling error.

4. When a word bank is provided, the teacher will deduct appropriate points per spelling error.

5. On the final draft of a project or writing assignment, spelling errors will be deducted as per the rubric set-up before the assignment is complete.

**Students who have documented accommodations may not fit into the category of accountability for spelling on final drafts of projects or papers**