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DSE Student Qualifies for National History Bee

Dripping Springs Elementary fifth-grader Spencer Austin was one of eight students who qualified for the National History Bee (elementary school level) based on results of regional competition. The regional competition, held at Canyon Ridge Middle School in Austin March 5, featured fifth- and sixth-graders from Central Texas. Those 150 students had passed a written qualifying exam online to compete in the regional event, which was a quiz-show buzzer-style format in front of a live audience. The top eight finishers (unranked) earned medals and the right to move on to national competition.

Spencer will travel to Chicago in June to compete in the National History Bee Competition, against more than 250 peers from across the country, who also won respective Regional History Bees.

Spencer also won first place in the 2015-16 Dripping Springs UIL District Competition for Social Studies; he was coached by Susan Elliott Horton, a fifth-grade teacher at DSE.