

## Dante Poster Competition 2018 – Level Descriptions

### Foundation, Grade 1 and Grade 2

Award	Description
Eccellenza - Premio	At this level, students write noun groups containing several elements. Adjectives and determiners agree with nouns when forming a noun group. All words are spelled correctly. The written and visual texts combine to enhance a common meaning.
Pregio	At this level, students write noun groups containing several elements. Adjectives and determiners usually agree with nouns when forming a noun group. All words are spelled correctly. The written and visual texts combine to create a common meaning.
Lode	At this level, students write singular nouns and/or noun groups composed of one or two elements. Determiners, if used, usually agree with nouns. Most words are spelled correctly. The written and visual texts combine to convey a common meaning.
Merito	At this level, students write singular nouns and/or noun groups composed of only a definite article and a noun. The written and visual texts combine to convey a common meaning.

### Grade 3 and 4

Award	Description
Eccellenza - Premio	At this level, students write simple sentences in Italian. Sentences use appropriate syntax. Conjugated verbs agree with subject nouns. Sentences are appropriately punctuated. Adjectives and determiners agree with nouns in a noun group. The written and visual texts combine to enhance a common meaning.
Pregio - Lode	At this level, students write simple sentences in Italian. Sentences use appropriate syntax. Conjugated verbs usually agree with subject nouns. Sentences are appropriately punctuated. Adjectives and determiners agree with nouns of standard grammatical gender in a noun group (nouns ending in –a and –o). The written and visual texts combine to create a common meaning.
Merito	At this level, students write simple sentences in Italian. Sentences usually use appropriate syntax. Regular verbs are usually conjugated to agree with subject nouns. Adjectives and determiners usually agree with nouns of standard grammatical gender in a noun group (nouns ending in –a and –o). The written and visual texts combine to create a common meaning.
Partecipazione	At this level, students write simple sentences or fragments in Italian. These sentences or fragments may or may not respond to the topic. Verbs are either not conjugated, or conjugated incorrectly. Nouns often appear in isolation or do not agree with the other elements of the noun group. The poster contains a visual and written text.

### Grade 5 and 6

Award	Description
Eccellenza - Premio	At this level, students write a combination of simple, compound and complex sentences. Sentences use appropriate syntax and may contain an adverbial or prepositional phrase. Sentences are punctuated correctly and use conjunctions appropriately. Conjugated verbs agree with subject nouns. Adjectives and determiners agree with nouns as part of noun groups and when separated by a linking verb. The written and visual texts combine to create a common meaning.
Pregio - Lode	At this level, students write a combination of simple, compound and complex sentences. Sentences use appropriate syntax and may contain an adverbial or

	prepositional phrase. Sentences are generally punctuated correctly and use conjunctions appropriately. Conjugated verbs agree with subject nouns. Adjectives and determiners agree with nouns when forming a noun group. The written and visual texts combine to create a common meaning.
Merito	At this level, students write simple or compound sentences in Italian. Sentences are usually punctuated correctly. Sentences usually use appropriate syntax. Verbs are conjugated. Adjectives and determiners usually agree with nouns of standard grammatical gender in a noun group (nouns ending in –a and –o). The written and visual texts reflect common meaning.
Partecipazione	At this level, students write simple sentences or fragments in Italian. These sentences or fragments may or may not respond to the topic. Verbs are either not conjugated, or conjugated incorrectly. Nouns often appear in isolation or do not agree with the other elements of the noun group. The poster contains a visual and written text.

\*The term *determiner* is used to refer to any of the following language features:

- Definite articles
- Indefinite articles
- Demonstratives
- Possessives (when used without a definite article before a word denoting a family member e.g. mia mamma)