

**SUBJECT: 2024 AATI National Italian Examination Results**

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the **NIE Committee** of the [American Association of Teachers of Italian](#), I am thrilled to acknowledge the exceptional achievements of our [2024 National Italian Exam](#) *Gold, Silver, and Bronze Award Winners*. Congratulations to all the students who have worked hard and achieved this honor! With over 5000 students participating, and over 1500 students receiving medals and other awards, we have seen an impressive display of commitment and dedication to the study of Italian language and culture.

We are incredibly proud of all of our participants and have no doubt that their hard work and dedication will continue to lead to great successes. We are also thankful to their families, schools, and teachers who have supported them throughout their studies in Italian.

We extend our warmest congratulations to all of this year's awards winners. Your accomplishments are an inspiration to us all, and we look forward to celebrating your successes in the future!

Now, as we move on to discussing the more practical aspects of the exam, please find below some essential information.

Results, report cards, certificates and letter

All results, certificates, letters, report cards, etc. will be located on the instructors' NIE dashboards in Lingco. It is necessary to click on the National Italian Exam icon on the left sidebar in Lingco, then you will be able to see a table with all the downloadable links. Additional details on where to find the results are available [on a dedicated page](#).

- a. **Instructor's Summary Report:** When reviewing your students' results, please keep in mind that there are two types of scores:

Raw score: This represents the number of points earned by each student based on the number of questions answered correctly.

National Percentile: This indicates how a student's performance compares to that of all other students who took the same exam in the same category nationwide. For instance, if a student took the Level 1 exam in category A and received a National Percentile of 90, it means that this particular student answered more test items correctly than 90 percent of all other students who took the same exam in the same category nationwide. The percentile is influenced by the number of students who took the exam in a specific category and the average raw score obtained by them.

- b. **Student report card.** As part of our program, teachers will receive personalized diagnostic report

cards for each of their students, showcasing scores that indicate the percentage of questions answered correctly in various skills of the Interpretive Mode. The student report cards are accessible through your Lingco's dashboard.

- c. **Categories.** The categories assigned to students have been carefully evaluated based on information obtained from the students' demographics questionnaire and the teachers' registration. In cases where discrepancies were identified, appropriate adjustments have been made to ensure accurate category attribution.
- d. **Disqualified students.** [As outlined in our policy](#), students may be disqualified in the following cases:
- Enrolling in the wrong level or category.
 - Failing to respond to their demographic questionnaire.
 - Teachers responding to their students' demographic questionnaires on their behalf.
 - Taking the same level exam more than once without valid special circumstances (e.g., a student retaking the same level exam the following year).
 - Using an automatic translator (as tracked by Lingco).
 - Other irregular activities while taking the exam.

Disqualified students will not receive a report card and their results will not be factored into the national calculations.

Awards

- **Medals and certificates** are distributed according to the following cut-scores:
 - **Gold Medal:** 90-100 percentile
 - **Silver Medal:** 80- 89 percentile
 - **Bronze Medal:** 70 - 79 percentile
 - **Achievement Certificate:** 50- 69 percentile
 - **Participation Certificate:** 49 or lower percentile
- The names of the medal winners can be found in the teacher's report on Lingco and will be soon published on [our website](#).
- **Medals** will be sent to all teachers and participating schools free of charge, using the addresses provided during registration.
- **Certificates**, including *Gold, Silver, Bronze, Achievement, and Participation* certificates, are available for teachers to download for free and print from their Lingco dashboard. We highly recommend that teachers award all students with a *Participation Certificate* to acknowledge their effort and participation.
- **Monetary Prizes.** The recipients of our monetary prizes and scholarships will be announced to teachers later this month and their names published on our website. The monetary prizes will be sent to teachers in the form of checks. A customizable letter co-signed by the NIE Director, the AATI President and the K-12 Vice president will be accessible for editing and printing on your Lingco dashboard to accompany the awarded prizes.

Awards from the *Società Onoraria Italica*

The *Società Onoraria Italica* will award special scholarships to the AATI National Italian Exam awardees.

Criteria. The SOI committee will select students from the *Achievement Certificate List* in each level, and they will receive a monetary prize. The recipients will be selected using criteria established by the *Società Onoraria Italica*.

Winners. The *Società Onoraria Italica* operates independently of NIE, therefore for questions about the

prizes from the SOI, please contact the *Società Onoraria Italica* Director, Lucrezia Lindia at: societaonorariait@gmail.com or visit [their website](#).

Feedback

We kindly request your input on this year's exam and would appreciate your feedback. Please use the form below to send us your comments and suggestions.

[NIE 2024 Educator Feedback Survey](#)

Student Stories and Testimonials

Please feel encouraged to share your students' stories and achievements with us. We would be delighted to showcase them on our website. However, prior to submitting any pictures or testimonials, we ask you to make sure to obtain the appropriate permission from the students involved. Send the materials to nationalitalianexam@gmail.com

Once again, congratulations to our award winners and all the students who participated in the 2024 National Italian Exam!

Sincerely,
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