

## **Pinkerton Academy Leveled Classes and College Opportunities**

When colleges are reviewing the application of students who are seeking admission to their institutions, they take into account many factors, both academic and non-academic. Colleges accept or reject students due to a variety of reasons, including number of openings vs. number of applicants. In order to understand how any individual college evaluates students, students should contact the colleges or universities directly for up to date and accurate admissions information.

**What is a C level course?:** Courses labeled “C” are designed to develop basic skills, to stress fundamentals, and offer general preparation in a wide variety of areas and offer scholastic preparation for some two year post-secondary institutions, i.e. community colleges and trade schools. Courses labeled “C” level are not considered college prep for most 4-year postsecondary institutions.

**What is a B level course?:** All “B” level classes are considered college preparatory for competitive 4-year colleges and universities with a somewhat selective admissions process.

**What is an A level course?:** Courses labeled “A” are designed to offer scholastic preparation for 4-year college and university programs, especially those that are highly selective through a competitive admissions process. All “A” level classes are academically rigorous and considered college preparatory.

**Students who primarily have C level courses or have a mix of B/C level courses will want to consider exploring:**

- Two year, Associate degree and technical training programs
- Community Colleges, 2 + 2 pathways [www.dualnh.org](http://www.dualnh.org)
- Apprenticeship programs
- Some 4-year institutions that accept students enrolled in C level courses

**Students who primarily have B level courses:**

- Selective to somewhat selective 4-year institutions
- Community Colleges, 2 + 2 pathways [www.dualnh.org](http://www.dualnh.org)
- Two year, Associate degree and technical training programs

**Students who primarily have A level courses or have a mix of A/B level courses will want to consider exploring:**

- Highly selective to selective 4-year institutions

- Community Colleges, 2 + 2 pathways [www.dualnh.org](http://www.dualnh.org)

Helpful suggestions:

1. Explore the **College & Career Readiness Naviance Program** [www.naviance.com](http://www.naviance.com)
  - Explore careers, interests and strengths, take the Career Interest Profiler and the Personal Strength Explorer Assessments
  - Search for colleges/universities using Supermatch
    - Search by location, major, and size
    - Search by admissions requirements. When using Supermatch, go to "Getting In" - select the appropriate competitive classification based on GPA and class levels
2. Based on defined interests, take advantage of the **Resources at Pinkerton Academy**:
  - Review the course catalog to find classes related to your interests and potential career
  - Talk to the career consultant and/ or teachers located in the CTE department
  - Make an appointment with your school counselor
    - To select courses for your high school years and map out a plan
    - To assist in researching fields of study, college majors and/or careers
    - To help create a list of appropriate post secondary institutions to which to apply
3. Consult other websites
  - The College Board [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
  - The NH Center for College Planning [www.nnheaf.org](http://www.nnheaf.org)
  - Occupation Search [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org)
  - College Search [www.princetonreview.org](http://www.princetonreview.org)
  - Dual Enrollment NH university system [www.dualnh.org](http://www.dualnh.org)
  - NH Community Colleges [www.ccsnh.edu](http://www.ccsnh.edu)
  - NH Board of Education, Options for Life after Highschool [www.nextsteps-nh.org](http://www.nextsteps-nh.org)
  - Vocational Rehab [www.education.nh.gov/career/vocational](http://www.education.nh.gov/career/vocational)
  - Specific college/university websites - go to Admissions section

***\* Keep in mind that class levels are evaluated each year and the appropriate course recommendations are made by teachers based on student's academic performance, work ethic and prerequisite requirements. \****