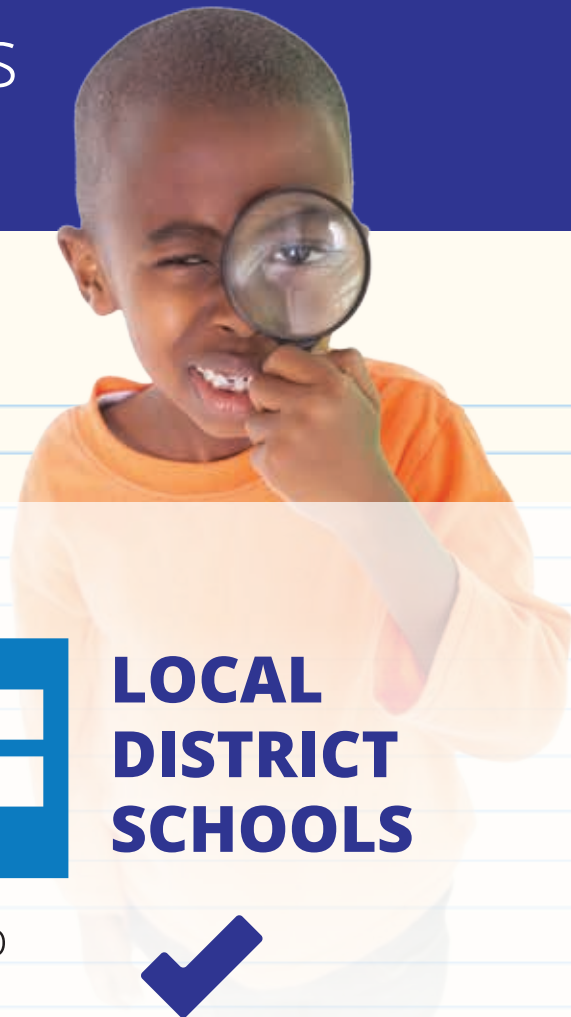


MYTH: Charter schools are not public schools.

FACT: Charter schools are public schools.



**PUBLIC
CHARTER
SCHOOLS**



**LOCAL
DISTRICT
SCHOOLS**



Tuition free, open to all students¹



Do not discriminate on any basis²



Publicly funded³



Held accountable to state and federal standards⁴



Longer school day



Longer school year

¹ Connecticut General Statutes, §10-66aa(1). "Charter schools: Definitions." 2015. Hyperlink: http://www.cga.ct.gov/current/pub/chap_164.htm#sec_10-66aa. ² Id. ³ Connecticut General Statutes, §10-66ee(c)(1-2). "Charter school funding. Special education students. Transportation. Contracts. Cooperative arrangements." 2015. Hyperlink: http://www.cga.ct.gov/current/pub/chap_164.htm#sec_10-66ee. ⁴ Connecticut General Statutes, §10-66bb. "Application process and requirements. Charter renewal. Probation. Revocation. Enrollment lottery; exceptions." 2015. Hyperlink: http://www.cga.ct.gov/current/pub/chap_164.htm#sec_10-66bb.