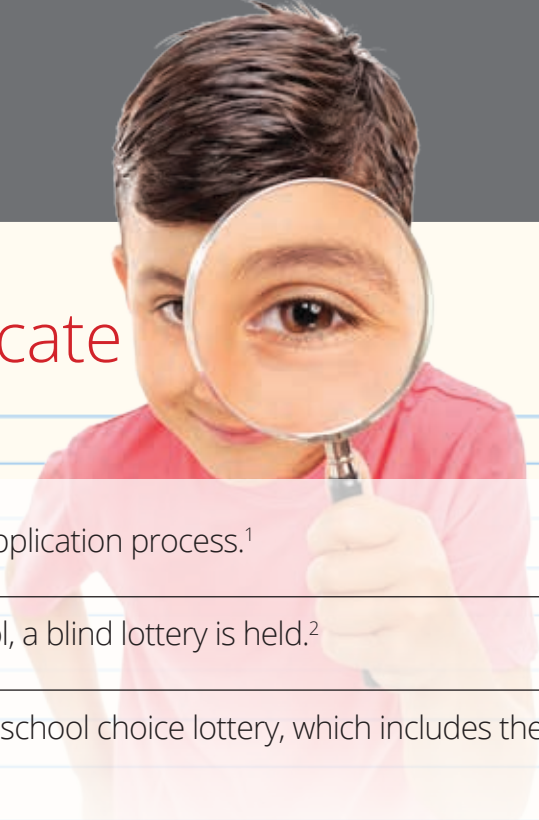


MYTH:

 Charter schools cherry-pick their students.

FACT:

 Charter schools educate all students.

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- ✓ Charter schools are available to all students through a free application process.¹
 - ✓ When more students apply than there are seats at the school, a blind lottery is held.²
 - ✓ In Hartford and New Haven, the local school district runs the school choice lottery, which includes the lottery for charters.
 - ✓ Connecticut law allows charter schools to weight their lottery to include more traditionally at-risk students, including low-income, African American, Hispanic/Latino, Special Education, and English Language Learners.³
 - ✓ Charter schools are only allowed to open in the state's lowest-performing schools or districts.⁴
 - ✓ Charter schools educate a higher percentage of low-income and African American students.⁵

1 Connecticut General Statutes, §10-66bb(d)(8). "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. **2** Connecticut General Statutes, §10-66bb(d)(8)(D). "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. **3** *Id.* **4** Connecticut General Statutes, §10-66bb(c). "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. **5** 2013 demographic information provided by the State Department of Education. By law, when approving charter school applications the State Board of Education must give preference to schools designed to educate high-need students. (See CT Gen. Stat. Sec. 10-66bb(c)(3)).

MYTH-BUSTING SCHOOL



Park City Prep Charter School

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Founded in 2006, Park City Prep's mission is to develop students' interest in science and technology and to prepare them for competitive, selective high schools. According to the state, Park City Prep is achieving that mission. The school has accelerated achievement for students who oftentimes enter the school well below grade level. As school founder Bruce Ravage often says, "we don't select high-performing students; we produce them!"¹

1 State Board of Education. "Renewal of State Charter - Park City Prep Charter School." February, 6, 2014.