



*CONNECTICUT'S SCHOOLS -
PUBLIC, MAGNETS & CHARTERS*

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There are approximately 600 public schools
in Connecticut.


- 91 magnet schools
- 24 charter schools





❖ Public Schools are schools supported by public funds, generally property taxes and the Education Cost Sharing Grant.

❖ Magnet Schools are schools offering special instruction not available elsewhere, designed to attract a more diverse student body from a region of the state.

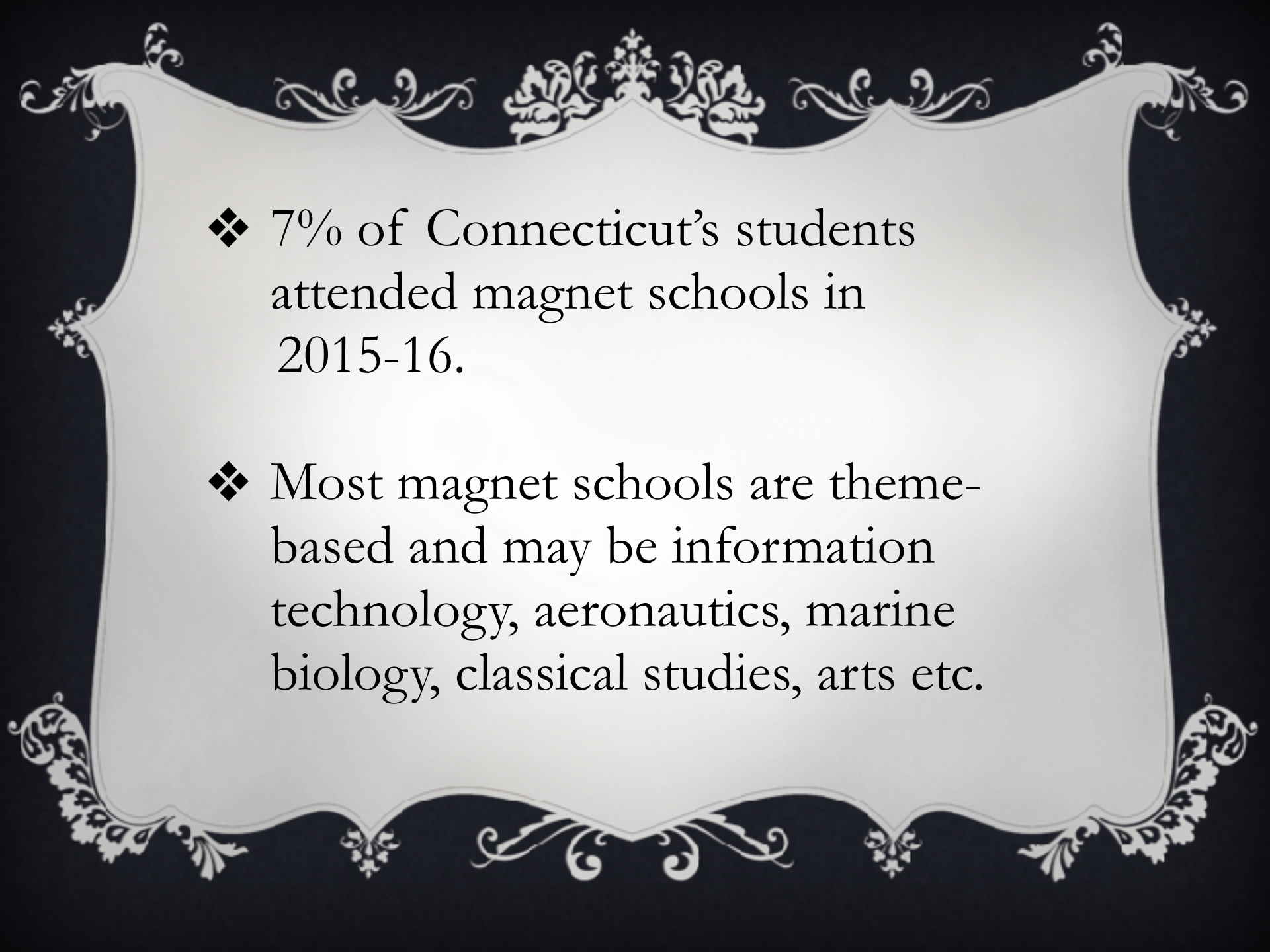


❖ Charter Schools receive government funding but operate independently of the established public school system in which they are located, and in some cases are privately owned.



❖ Inter-district magnet schools may be managed by RESCs or Districts.

❖ Most magnet schools are located in or near urban school districts.

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- ❖ 7% of Connecticut's students attended magnet schools in 2015-16.
 - ❖ Most magnet schools are theme-based and may be information technology, aeronautics, marine biology, classical studies, arts etc.

FUNDING OF MAGNET SCHOOLS

RESC Magnet Schools:

- ❖ State pays \$7,085 for each student attending magnet school.
- ❖ Sending districts pay tuition to arrive at per pupil expenditure.

For example, Six to Six Magnet's tuition cost to sending districts was \$6,000 per student in 2015-2016.



**FUNDING OF MAGNET SCHOOLS
(CONT.)**

- ❖ Hartford area magnets (Sheff) managed by local RESC receive \$10,443 from the state and sending districts pay tuition based on per pupil expenditure.

FUNDING OF MAGNET SCHOOLS (CONT.)

Host (district) Magnet Schools

- ❖ State funds the district \$7,085 for every student who enters from outside the district.
- ❖ State funds the district \$3,000 for every district student attending a district magnet school.

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FUNDING OF MAGNET SCHOOLS (CONT.)

- ❖ District may apply to the state for permission to charge additional tuition for out of district students (i.e. Fairchild Wheeler Schools).
- ❖ Magnet schools in Hartford School District receive \$13,054 for each student enrolled outside of the Hartford district and \$3,000 for every Hartford student enrolled in a Hartford Magnet School.

CHARTER SCHOOLS

- ❖ Twenty-three of the twenty-four charters are independently operated and are known as state charter schools
- ❖ One school, Montessori Preschool is a local charter managed by the New Haven School District

CHARTER SCHOOLS (CONT.)

- ❖ Those who wish to begin a charter school must submit a very detailed plan to the State Department of Education including purpose, demographics, curriculum, staff, accountability measures etc.
- ❖ The plan must be approved by the State Board of Education and the legislature must approve funding for the school.
- ❖ Charters must submit a report on progress achieved each year and should provide “best practices” for all schools.



FUNDING OF CHARTER SCHOOLS

- ❖ State charter schools receive \$11,000 per student.
- ❖ District in which the charter is located must provide special education services and transportation.