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***Holt Middle School Math* Now Available In Online Version**

**Austin, Texas – July 1, 2003** – Holt, Rinehart and Winston today announced the release of *Holt Middle School Mathematics Premier Online Student Editions*—highly interactive, online versions of *Holt Middle School Math (MSM)*, Holt’s newest mathematics curriculum series for grades six through eight.

*MSM Premier Online Editions* use a highly dynamic interface to deliver the research-based and classroom-tested curriculum of *Holt Middle School Math*. *MSM Premier Online Editions* help students learn difficult math concepts using mathematical models and manipulatives that help students move from the concrete to the symbolic.

“*MSM Premier Online Editions* are like no other online textbooks in that they maximize the environment of the web and incorporate research into their instructional design,” said Judy Fowler, Holt president. “Middle school teachers told us they needed a mathematics curriculum that fit a diverse group of learners, offered numerous practice and intervention options, and met a variety of assessment needs. We are very excited to have *Holt Middle School Math* and *MSM Premier Online Editions* in the Holt portfolio.”

The research theories that guided the development of *Holt Middle School Math* include strategies for differentiated instruction, strategic problem solving, accessibility for all learners, formative and summative assessment, and the transition to advanced mathematics. The series also offers a myriad of supplemental resources and intervention strategies and tools. An optional learning management system (LMS) for the online version gives teachers complete control in customizing the curriculum and aligning with state standards. The LMS may also be used to assign homework and tests, track student progress against state and national standards, differentiate instruction, and assign remediation work when students fall short of minimum proficiencies.

In a survey of teachers using *Holt Middle School Math*, teachers said that they appreciated the ability to tailor instruction to different learner levels. They also said that tying real-life examples to the introduction of concepts helped students grasp the subject more easily and motivated them to study. “Holt offers the only math text that excites students and presents math concepts in an understandable fashion,” said one respondent. “Most texts present information only, Holt presents math in (an) exciting and multi-level conceptual manner.” These same features plus the added benefits possible by an online

format make *MSM Premier Online Editions* powerful tools in a complete mathematics curriculum.

*Holt Middle School Mathematics Premier Online Student Editions* are the latest addition to Holt's extensive selection of online, print-based, and CD-ROM textbooks and supplementary resources for grades six through 12. All of Holt's online resources are accessible at a single access point, [my.hrw.com](http://my.hrw.com), via a unique username and password that ensures secure and confidential access, saves time, and makes it easier to access the vast array of Holt resources.

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