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**New Holt Online Professional Development Course for Mathematics Teachers Focuses on Research-Based Strategies**

**ORLANDO, Florida – January 23, 2004** – Holt, Rinehart and Winston announced today the release of *Teaching Mathematics to All Students, Grades 6-8* – a professional development (PD) course using a patented convergent technology that delivers comprehensive, research-based training content via the Internet combined with video footage on CD-ROMs.

In the course, teachers are encouraged to study and apply research-based strategies proven to build student fluency in mathematics, especially for those students who are having trouble making sense of mathematics connections and algebraic thinking. *Teaching Mathematics to All Students* is organized around effective strategies for working with students of varying abilities who are developing mathematical concepts.

“*Teaching Mathematics to All Students* is a valuable addition to our suite of Holt Online Professional Development training curricula,” said Judy Fowler, president of Holt. “This is the only online mathematics PD course that gives trainers the strategies and tools to impact their professional development program immediately. It also gives trainers extra time to differentiate their work with teachers who have students struggling with algebraic readiness.”

*Teaching Mathematic to All Students* is comprised of five modules that cover differentiation strategies, math and algebra fundamentals, use of data to inform instruction, building competency and confidence in students, and the use of multiple representations including manipulatives. Each module includes five lessons, with the first lesson focusing on that module’s research base as delivered by one of Holt’s mathematics authors. As trainers implement the lessons, teachers study standards-based instruction, ongoing assessment and monitoring, organizational planning, and successful work with parents. Each module includes video segments of “best practices in the classroom” as demonstrated by master teachers.

As with all of Holt’s professional development products, *Teaching Mathematics to All Students* is designed to save trainers time and money while teaching specific strategies. Each module can be completed during one teacher planning period and all modules are self-paced or “as directed” by the trainer. Reports about a teacher’s progress through each lesson are easily generated and may be used for requesting continuing education credits/hours.

“*Teaching Mathematics to All Students* was designed with the professional development standards recommended by the National Staff Development Council for content, context, and process in

mind,” said Bridget Hadley, Holt vice president for professional development. “This latest addition to our portfolio solidifies Holt’s role as front-runner in providing professional development services and resources designed to improve teacher retention and student performance.”

Holt’s growing professional development portfolio is designed to provide a balanced approach to effective teacher training, blending online with face-to-face experiences. In recent months, Holt professional development has engaged hundreds of teachers and trainers with one goal in mind – to maximize the amount of time trainers can focus on teacher training to achieve excellence in education.

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