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Holt Releases New Edition of *Holt Science & Technology* Including Online Textbook and Online Assessment

AUSTIN, Texas – June 21, 2004 –Holt, Rinehart and Winston—a leading publisher of textbooks and educational materials for grades six through 12—today released a new edition of *Holt Science & Technology* which has been redesigned with new activities, updated text, and new visual resources. The revised middle school science program includes new supplementary resources including the award-winning Holt One-Stop Planner® CD-ROM with ExamView® Test Generator, Holt Online Assessment, and the popular online edition of the textbook.

Holt Science & Technology was specifically designed to reach students of all abilities with a student-friendly tone written at the appropriate reading level. The sequence of information on each page is easy to navigate, making it accessible for all types of learners. HST's many labs, hands-on activities, and interdisciplinary connections show students how science interconnects in *their* world.

“This science program has been revised with new resources for teachers and a new focus on learning theories that helps students grasp science in a meaningful way,” said Judy Fowler, president of Holt. “We are confident that the new research-proven teaching strategies and materials we have added will make *Holt Science & Technology* an even more relevant and effective science program for middle school instruction.”

Further confidence in *Holt Science & Technology* as an effective resource is supported by an efficacy study conducted by an independent research firm, Educational Research Institute of America (ERIA). ERIA's longitudinal study found that schools using HST showed consistent gains on their state assessment tests at the “proficient” and “advanced” levels. The study, which analyzed the assessment scores of Colorado, Missouri, Ohio, and New Jersey schools using HST for two years, found an average eight percent *increase* in the number of students reaching the “proficient” and “advanced” levels on state assessments and an eight percent *decline* in the number of students at the “unsatisfactory” and “partially proficient” levels. Some states showed even greater gains: Colorado schools, for example, showed an 11 percent decrease in low-level scores while showing a 12 percent increase for students scoring at the top levels.

New supplementary resources for HST include guidelines for differentiation strategies, test-prep activities, integrated assessment, and remediation activities. A new Holt One-Stop Planner® CD-ROM with ExamView® Test Generator is also available and includes the Holt Calendar Planner, Holt PuzzlePro, the Interactive Teacher's Edition, and lab materials, all correlated with the HST curriculum.

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