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### **Holt Releases Middle School Science Curriculum for North Carolina Aligned to State Science Standards**

**CHARLOTTE, N.C.— November 4, 2004**—Holt, Rinehart and Winston—a leading publisher of textbooks and educational materials for grades six through 12—announced today the release of *Holt Science & Technology*, North Carolina Edition, which is specifically developed for North Carolina’s middle school science curriculum and meets the North Carolina academic standards prescribed in the *Standard Course of Study*. Holt also launched a complementary Online Assessment resource that diagnoses student understanding of science, assigns interventions, and tracks improvement with benchmark practice tests.

*Holt Science & Technology*, North Carolina Edition (*HST* North Carolina) actively involves students in learning science through a series of inquiry-based labs and activities. Additional activities also help students improve their reading comprehension by developing their organizational and study skills. Teachers find the extensive assessment opportunities, expanded Section Reviews, comprehensive Chapter Reviews, and two pages of End-of-Grade Test Prep also help them prepare their students for high-stakes testing.

A team of North Carolina teachers worked on the curriculum alignment and provided crucial input during development, a process which sets *HST* North Carolina apart from other science textbooks. Beverly Lyons, an eighth grade teacher at Hanes Middle School in Winston-Salem, reviewed the series and plans on implementing the inquiry approach in her classroom this Fall. “When I was reviewing textbooks, I looked for an inquiry-based experience that would grab my students’ attention and hold them through the science lessons,” said Lyons. “*HST* North Carolina does an especially good job in preparing students to learn because it starts with an activity and a question that gets the students thinking as the lesson begins. When students are already thinking as the lesson starts, their minds are receptive to learning.”

*HST* North Carolina is also available in an interactive Holt Online Learning version or “e-textbook.” *HST* includes links to the National Science Teachers Association’s SciLinks, an online site where students can retrieve information specific to the instructional topic. *HST* North Carolina Online Edition includes animated Visual Concepts, interactive quizzes and activities, teacher management tools, and more. The Holt One-Stop Planner® CD-ROM with ExamView® Test Generator provides everything a teacher needs in one package, including editable lesson plans, printable worksheets, PowerPoint presentations with video, a test generator, Holt Calendar Planner, Holt PuzzlePro, Interactive Teacher Edition, and Lab Materials QuickList Software.

A national version of *Holt Science & Technology* was showcased in June 2004 at the National Educational Computing Conference where its accompanying technology resources and the integrated Holt Online Assessment were highlighted as key tools for informed instruction. Holt also announced the results of an efficacy study conducted by the Educational Research Institute of America that validates *HST's* effectiveness as a science curriculum that helps students prepare for their state assessments.

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