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**New California Middle School Science Textbooks From Holt  
Develop Reading, Inquiry, and Analysis Skills and are Built Just for California**

**SAN FRANCISCO – October 19, 2006** — Holt, Rinehart and Winston ([www.hrw.com](http://www.hrw.com)) today announced the release of *Holt California Science*, a new middle school science program developed exclusively for California using the California Curriculum Framework for Science as its guide. The program is based on research-proven pedagogy that provides a pathway to mastering key science concepts for all students regardless of their ability level and includes techniques for developing students’ reading, inquiry, and analysis skills.

“*Holt California Science* for California middle schools is a completely new curriculum, built from the ground up to match the California Science Standards in vision and focus,” said Allen Wheatcroft, president of Holt. “We understand the challenges that teachers face. This program provides a complete and integrated resource package to help all students, regardless of ability, to master the California Science Standards.”

The instruction of *Holt California Science* is centered on Big Ideas and Key Concepts. The program anchors this instruction through three main foci: unlocking the standards through reading support and vocabulary development, reinforcing the standards and key science concepts through hands-on activities, and assessing the standards with formative assessment that provides opportunities for intervention and remediation.

*Holt California Science* provides flexibility in that it allows teachers to select the method of teaching with which they are most comfortable. The program supports a wide range of teaching approaches relative to hands-on instruction including an inquiry-based curriculum structured around customized lab kits. Components developed to support this style of instruction include lab kits, the Holt Lab Generator CD-ROM which contains hundreds of hands-on activities searchable by standard, and leveled lab datasheets in both English and Spanish.

*Holt California Science* provides instruction and planning support that assists teachers in choosing the resources appropriate for their classroom environment. *On-Course Mapping Instruction with Lesson Plans for Universal Access* features adapted lesson plans for students with special needs including English Learners, struggling readers, and advanced/GATE students.

*Strategies for English Learners*, developed by ESL and secondary language acquisition specialist Robin Scarcella, provides strategies and program resources that help English learners access science content. Additionally, the Standards Review and Intervention CD-ROM allows teachers to monitor students' progress in mastering the California Science Standards and provides remediation through tutorials as needed.

*Holt California Science* includes Earth, Life, and Physical science texts that will be available for middle school classrooms in April 2007.

### **About Holt, Rinehart and Winston**

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