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**Holt Offers Texas Math Teachers One Year Free Access to Online Textbooks
*Provides TAKS Prep and Intervention***

AUSTIN, Texas – February 6, 2007 — Texas math teachers are urged to sign up for free access to Holt’s newest online math textbook that now includes TAKS prep and intervention resources. Teachers in any school district can log on and register for full access to the *Holt Mathematics Online Editions* for Texas including *Course 1, Course 2, Course 3, Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2.*

Holt, Rinehart and Winston (www.hrw.com) – one of the leading mathematics textbook publishers – is offering this free access to Texas teachers so that they can utilize the online math program and become more familiar with Internet-based textbooks. Holt has been refining the online textbook model for seven years and has published over 400 editions since the first online textbooks hit cyberspace.

Holt Mathematics Online Editions feature formative assessment resources and intervention that no other online textbooks offer. In addition to being fully correlated to the content of *Holt Mathematics*, the assessments are aligned to Texas state objectives, which help teachers to prepare students for the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS™). Online Lesson Tutorial Videos provide explanations of every concept in each chapter for students who need additional help on particular skills.

JoAnn Hawkins, a math teacher at Lake Travis Middle School near Austin, is already using *Holt Mathematics Online Editions* to prepare her students for the upcoming state tests. Her students study at home, take practice tests and use the Online Lesson Tutorial Videos to review material. “The TAKS testing and intervention provides immediate feedback to each individual,” said Ms. Hawkins. “With the reports it generates and the teacher management system, I can quickly identify the areas that need further instruction. This saves time and energy and lets me spend more time working directly with students rather than grading exams.”

“Regardless of their adopted curriculum, we felt that any teacher could use Holt’s Math program to prepare their students for the TAKS,” said Allen Wheatcroft, president of Holt. “We have provided free access to any teacher who would like to experiment with online learning or use selected components and lessons from our program for a more strategic approach to TAKS prep.”

Teachers can register entire classes to use *Holt Mathematics Online Editions*. They can use the full program or selected components including lessons, workbooks, practice activities, online assessment, and TAKS-prep resources and sample tests.

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Holt will introduce Texas teachers to *Holt Mathematics Online Editions* at the Texas Computer Education Association 27th Annual Convention in Austin on February 6, 7, and 8. Teachers can also call 1-800-225-5425 to request a key code to set up a secure username and password.

Note: See Holt Mathematics Online Editions in Booth 623 at the TCEA Annual Convention in Austin, Texas on February 6-8, 2007 (www.tcea2007.org).

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