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FCAT Fast Track Added to Holt One-Stop Planner

Calendar Planner Prioritizes Scope and Sequence Specifically for Florida's High-Stakes Test

ORLANDO, Florida – January 22, 2004 – Holt, Rinehart and Winston announced today that an FCAT Fast Track feature added to the newly-released Holt One-Stop Planner with Test Generator® will automatically reorder the scope and sequence of lessons for *Holt Middle School Mathematics* textbook. The FCAT Fast Track helps teachers more efficiently prepare for the FCAT (Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test) because its preset pacing guide is aligned to Florida's high-stakes test.

The One-Stop Planner is a CD-ROM teacher resource containing teacher guides, copy masters, and visual resources to complement Holt textbooks. The Calendar Planner feature, which was released this fall, organizes the entire school year with the lesson plans from the corresponding Holt textbook or it allows teachers to customize the schedule to accommodate holidays, the start and end dates of classes, and in-service days. The Fast Track for FCAT that has been added to the One-Stop Planner is a specific utility created for the State of Florida. The utility sets priorities for which lessons, activities, and tests should be completed prior to Spring 2004 ensuring students will have covered the material on which they will be tested.

“The Fast Track feature of the Holt One-Stop Planner allows teachers to stay on course and prepare their students as well as possible for the upcoming FCAT,” said Judy Fowler, president of Holt. “This is a true ‘teacher’s resource’ that makes it easier for teachers to help their students perform well on their state’s high-stakes tests.”

All lessons and activities on the FCAT Fast Track version of the One-Stop Planner are correlated with the Florida Sunshine State Standards. With a drag-and-drop tool, teachers can manipulate the pacing guide to accommodate their district’s standards and testing schedule or customize it to accommodate learning differences, outside material, or other teaching variables. Holt’s exclusive standards-checking tool then looks for missing standards that may have resulted from customizing the schedule and alerts teachers to adjust their schedule accordingly.

A Fast Track feature that prioritizes the scope and sequence of lessons for *Holt Middle School Math* according to individual state standards will also be made available for North Carolina, Indiana, Oklahoma, and Alabama.

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