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Holt Releases Middle School Science Curriculum for Indiana Aligned to State Science Standards

First to Market with Complementary Online Assessment

INDIANAPOLIS – September 9, 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*, Indiana Edition which is specifically developed for Indiana’s middle school science curriculum and meets the Indiana Academic Standards for Science. 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, Indiana Edition (*HST* Indiana) 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. The extensive assessment opportunities, expanded Section Reviews, comprehensive Chapter Reviews, and two pages of ISTEP+ Test Prep also help teachers prepare their students for high-stakes testing.

A team of Indiana teachers worked on the curriculum alignment and provided crucial input during the development process which sets *HST* Indiana apart from other science textbooks. Bruce Starek, who has taught science for 29 years at Barker Middle School in Michigan City, Ind., reviewed the series and plans on piloting it in his classroom this Fall. “I am very excited about having a textbook that is specifically aligned to our state standards which are rated among the best science standards in the country,” said Mr. Starek. “*Holt Science & Technology* has all the activities and pedagogical constructs that help students learn and which are measured on our state assessments. When we are preparing our students to take those tests, *HST* Indiana will be highly effective in helping them score well and truly understand how science shapes our world.”

The technology resources for *HST* Indiana and the interactive Holt Online Learning version or “e-textbook” will also be helpful in schools like Barker Middle School where learning on computers has become an important element in teacher lesson plans. *HST* includes links to the National Science Teachers Association’s SciLinks where students can retrieve Web-based information specific to the instructional topic. The *HST* Indiana 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 provides evidence that *HST* is an effective science curriculum to help students prepare for their state assessments.

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