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New Holt Lab Generators Simplify Planning and Create Materials Lists to Fit Class Configuration

AUSTIN, Texas. – July 5, 2006 — Middle and high school teachers now have an easier time planning labs with a new resource from Holt, Rinehart and Winston (www.hrw.com) that plans every detail from the amount of items needed to the learning standards being covered. Holt today announced that the Holt Lab Generator – a CD-ROM of hundreds of science and technology labs that are ready to use and include detailed materials lists – is now available for middle school teachers and five high school Lab Generators will soon be launched for the 2006/07 school year.

“We consulted with science teachers to ensure the Lab Generator would be a useful resource,” said Allen Wheatcroft, president of Holt. “Our design team then built a program that generates labs quickly and gives teachers powerful search capabilities in addition to a time-saving materials list. We are sure that the Holt Lab Generators will become indispensable resources for middle and high school science teachers.”

The Lab Generator for middle school contains all the labs from *Holt Science & Technology Student Editions* plus additional labs from the *Holt Science & Technology* lab bank. Teachers can quickly find labs that fit their needs or classroom configuration by searching on any of the following combinations: keyword, type, difficulty, lab duration (even multi-day labs), and specific National Science Education Standard.

The lab generator includes teacher’s resources, the lab’s objectives, materials lists, safety information, and reproducible student pages on which students can write. Each lab can be edited in Microsoft® Word and saved into the “My Labs” section of the lab generator. New labs can be created from easy-to-use formatted templates or teachers may add labs from their own collection or favorite web sites. In addition, teachers can customize a lab’s search criteria for more efficient planning.

The Lab Generator can also create “materials quick lists” based on total number of students, number of lab groups and number of classes, helping teachers prepare for the lab and order materials. The Holt Lab Generator can be used by any grade 6-8 science teacher and is not limited to the *Holt Science & Technology* curriculum.

The Holt Lab Generator for high school science will be released this Fall for the 2006/07 school year. Five high school Lab Generators will cover physical/integrated science, biology, chemistry, physics, and Earth/environmental science. In addition to correlations to National Science Education Standards, each high school lab will be correlated to state science standards for over twenty states.

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The Holt Science & Technology Lab Generator will be featured in the Holt exhibit booth #2000 at the National Educational Computing Conference in San Diego on July 5-8.

About Holt, Rinehart and Winston

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