

USD #377 Atchison County Community Schools News Release



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Language Arts Department selects new textbooks.

At the March 13, 2006 school board meeting, the USD#377 Board of Education approved the recommendation of the Language Arts Textbook Committee for the adoption of new reading and language textbooks and instructional materials in grades 7-12. The board authorized the purchase of textbooks and educational materials from Holt, Rinehart, and Winston after considering the recommendation of the language arts teachers and comparing the Holt, Rinehart and Winston bid with a proposal from McDougall-Littell.

The proposal that the board approved included 2007 edition literature texts (*Elements of Literature*) and language textbooks (*Elements of Language*) for students in grades 7-12. Also included in the adoption, at no cost to the district is a wealth of supplemental materials including:

- An online textbook for each student
- Vocabulary, and spelling materials
- Multicultural reader
- Teacher editions
- One-Step planner for teachers
- Assessment package
- Daily language activities
- PowerNotes
- Audio CD Library
- And many more resources

Also included in the new textbook series is an online essay scoring system, which will allow teachers to evaluate the mechanics of student writing more quickly and effectively.

A representative of Holt, Rinehart, and Winston will be in the district early this summer to provide training and support to the teachers who will be using the new books and materials.