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# Teachers' Textbook Appraisal

Local school boards may also want to consider other criteria to meet the needs of their student population.
All teachers that reviewed this material are highly qualified in their specific field in education.

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| Textbook Title: | Decisions for Health –Level Blue |
| Publisher: | Holt |
| Grade Level: | 8th Grade |
| ISBN No. Teacher Edition: | 9780030961618 |
| ISBN No. Student Edition: | |

## TEXTBOOK ORGANIZATION

- chapter provides life skills, building character, cross-discipline activities, hands-on activities, and health journal writing activities
- Rich background information, teaching strategies and activities are provided for each chapter section in addition to National Health Standards correlations
- The overall organization of the title is good; each subject area rolls into each other
- Cooperative assignments and activities help bring more and different resources into the book
- Title is sequentially organized

## STUDENT ASSESSMENT SUPPORT

- Wide range of assessment tools and opportunities
- Multiple layers of questioning that help with all levels of student learning
- Title provides many opportunities for assessments (on-line, test generator, pre- and post-assessments, check for understanding, lesson reviews, quick quizzes)

## ADDITIONAL CRITERIA

- Very engaging side-bar information (i.e. "myths versus facts")
- Strong articulation of prior knowledge to new concepts learned
- The life skills in action section provides reinforcement for all levels; it helps deal with certain aspects of conflict resolution and incorporates skits and role-playing to help with real-life dramatization
- Life Skills in Action section is an asset for the students and teaches real life situations
- Title encourages higher-level thinking skills

## TEACHER COMMENTS

- Cultural diversity is good, but could use more in-depth activities
- Title is great in all areas of health, but needs more information on culture and media; with this information included, the title would meet 100 percent of NM Standards and Benchmarks
- Gender-bias is touched upon, but not consistent throughout the title
- Very contemporary in graphics, pictures, activities and overall information and content