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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.

Textbook Title: Science: A Closer Look
Publisher: Macmillan/ McGraw-Hill
Grade Level: 6
ISBN No. Teacher Edition: 9780022886493
ISBN No. Student Edition:

## TEXTBOOK ORGANIZATION

- This book has excellent explore activities at the beginning of each lesson.
- Use of color, highlighting and bold text is very effective.
- Quick checks to extend learning.
- Vocabulary strategies throughout text
- Math, writing, music, art, and health links throughout text.

## STUDENT ASSESSMENT SUPPORT

- Foldables used throughout (Foldable explained in Reference Area.)
- Structured inquiry and open inquiry.
- Lots of opportunities for formative assessment.
- Quick checks, lesson review, chapter review, vocabulary, chapter assessment and unit assessment.
- Skill builder, Try It, Apply It.

## ADDITIONAL CRITERIA

- This book has a number of culturally diverse pictures, graphs, stories and text.
- Use stories about scientists to illustrate science concepts and careers.
- Illustrations are informative and correlates with text.
- There are a number of re-teaching and extension opportunities offered in each chapter.
- The text book is well aligned to national standards.

## TEACHER COMMENTS

- Quick labs use easy to obtain ingredients and are easy to set up. S.P. Jefferson Middle School 6th grade.
- Very well organized, easy to read and encourages high student involvement. J.L.H. Harrison Middle School 6th grade.
- Great pictures with inset captions, wonderful drawings that relate well to text. Culturally diverse pictures that students can relate to. P.M.P. Madison Middle School 7th grade.