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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: New Mexico Interactive Science Grade 6
Publisher: Pearson
Grade Level: 6
ISBN No. Teacher Edition: 9780133184679
ISBN No. Student Edition:

## TEXTBOOK ORGANIZATION

- 16 chapters (ending with stars/galaxies)
- Interactive soft cover student edition (students write in book)
- Question introduces lesson
- Vocabulary is previewed and highlighted in text
- Many color photo/graphics

## STUDENT ASSESSMENT SUPPORT

- Numerous opportunities for student self assessment throughout text
- 10 question review at end of each chapter
- End of chapter lesson summaries
- Lesson enrichment, lesson quizzes, review and reinforcement pages are able to be copied and embedded in the Teacher's Edition.
- Helpful rubrics
- Supplemental materials for students

## ADDITIONAL CRITERIA

- Teacher's Edition consists of 4 volumes
- Teacher's Edition offers "content refreshers", lesson support, E.L.L support, discussion tips, and teacher demonstration suggestions

## TEACHER COMMENTS

- More synthesis level questions would be helpful for both teachers and students. (SK-Jefferson MS – 8) (AG – Jefferson MS – 6-8)
- When students are asked to use higher level knowledge skills (analysis, synthesis, and evaluation) it is often done on their own without textbook support. (SK-Jefferson MS – 8)
- More coverage of life science concepts (including evolution) would be appreciated. (SK-Jefferson MS – 8)
- More examples of the science process, and science as a way of knowing about the world would be helpful. (SK-Jefferson MS – 8)
- Good integration of math and science with practical application (CLL, Snell Middle School, Grade 7)