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H.O.P.E. Helps to Lessen the Student's Load Each Day

In an effort to significantly reduce the weight of what Heritage Oak's students must carry back and forth from home to school, Heritage Oak has provided its Middle School students with a number of text books on CD-ROM disks. For the 2005-06 school year, students have been issued science, French, literature, and social studies texts on CD. As text book publishers add more CDs to their product lines, Heritage Oak will continue to build its library of CD texts.

"Providing virtually weightless CDs to students is an excellent alternative to paper-based texts that can weigh as much as five pounds each," says Middle School director Tom Healey. "In addition," according to Healey, "many of the CDs provide interactive materials that aren't available in the paper versions of the texts."

Heritage Oak students take the CDs home for safe storage and use with home work. In the classroom, they continue to use printed texts and, in some cases, web-based versions of the text books.

"Having CDs and web access to text books are excellent alternatives for our middle school students as all are required to have and use their own laptop computers, at home and in school," Healey says.

Heritage Oak is a traditional school appealing to parents who are seeing a proven curriculum and a safe, nurturing environment. Community awareness, academic achievement, and family values are just part of a program that focuses on the development of the whole child.

The U.S. Department of Education bestowed its highest honor upon Heritage Oak when it awarded the school the 1998-1999 "Blue Ribbon" award. The "Blue Ribbon", our Nations most prestigious education award, distinguishes Heritage Oak for its excellence in leadership, teaching, curriculum, student achievement, parent involvement, and community support.