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*Chemistry*

STANDARDS: 4 in-depth, 3 moderate

USEFUL: 2 extremely, 5 moderately

District	Course	Edition	Standards	Useful	Comments
Delhi Unified	Chemistry	1997	In-Depth	Extremely	Good text with pictures and very good examples. The problems are good but having all the answers in the back allows students the opportunity to cheat.
Los Angeles	Chemistry	5 <sup>th</sup> Edition	Moderate	Moderately	Most standards are covered in the book; however, it is not organized around the standards. We have chosen this book because it seems to be the most comprehensible text of those available, but it contains far too much extraneous information and is written at a level that the average student has difficulty understanding.
Riverside	Chemistry	5 <sup>th</sup>	In-Depth	Moderately	Text covers the standards, but it's too detailed. We struggle to keep up with the District's pacing guide and also to have all the material covered that needs to be done by STAR testing. I would like a much simpler, and much more closely aligned text in order to do just what is needed AND have time for a lab a week.
Riverside	Chemistry	5 <sup>th</sup>	Moderate	Moderately	It has too much depth and detail for a "regular" chemistry class. The students are finding it too wordy. These are good science students but I feel that a simpler book would be easier for them. A book that sticks to the CA standards and very little else would be ideal. However, the teacher resources that accompany this textbook are very good.
Santa Rosa	Honors Chemistry	1999	In-Depth	Moderately	None
Private	Honors Chemistry	1997	Moderate	Moderately	None
Merced	Chemistry	2002	In-Depth	Extremely	We picked this book for its better readability (we have heterogeneous grouping). Zumdahl is probably a better treatment of the standards, especially in the area of quantitative calculations, but we found Zumdahl a little tough for some of our below-grade-level readers.