



Mt. Zion High School Receives the Red Quill Award ACT Honors Mt. Zion High School for Outstanding Student Preparation

Principal Greg Bradley along with the guidance department recently accepted the Red Quill award presented by George Schlott, ACT senior consultant. Nearly fifty high schools across the Midwest (only four in Illinois) are receiving recognition for their achievements to better prepare students for college and career readiness. These high-achieving schools are being honored through ACT's 2011-2012 Red Quill Award.

Mt. Zion High School is one of only four high schools in Illinois to receive this recognition. Fewer than one quarter of schools that apply are awarded the Red Quill, which recognizes schools in the Midwest that take innovative approaches to improve their curriculum, teaching practices, and academic counseling. The winners also effectively use ACT assessment data—EXPLORE, PLAN, and the ACT exam—to benefit student achievement. EXPLORE, normally an eighth grade assessment, PLAN, normally a tenth-grade assessment, and the ACT test, normally taken by eleventh and twelfth graders, all measure whether students are on track for success in college and career.

Each year Mt. Zion High School faculty assisted by the guidance department examine the EPAS test data and work to tailor curriculum to help students in every score range improve their skills. It is our goal to better prepare our students for college and careers.

"We are pleased to have the opportunity to honor Mt. Zion High School for doing exemplary work to benefit all students. We are especially pleased that the recipients of these awards serve as role models for others throughout the region," said Galen Johnson, assistant vice president of the ACT Midwest Region Office in the Chicago area.

Red Quill Award recipients are recognized at each of the Midwest region's ACT State Organization Annual Conferences. To see a complete list of winners, please [visit the ACT newsroom](#).