

# HOMESTEAD HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Community Members,

ACT's Midwest Region recently awarded Homestead High School with its Red Quill Award, an accolade bestowed annually on a select number of public and private high schools in the nine-state area.

As explained by ACT, the Red Quill celebrates public and private high schools that "analyze data in robust ways and use these data to support curricular and instructional changes and enhancements based on the needs of learners within their communities." Further, Red Quill schools "have consistently demonstrated a high level of achievement."

Endeavors currently underway at Homestead that were highlighted in this year's application include the following:

- Development of a formal school goal related to ACT College Readiness Benchmark attainment
- Analysis of ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks and Quality Core content standards when conducting curriculum revisions to be implemented in 2012-2013
- Development of the ready-annotate-process (RAP) approach, a systematic approach to non-fiction reading across content areas
- Use of ACT data when advising individual students on post-secondary planning options with tools like Naviance and Family Connection
- Implementation of the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) college readiness system
- Close analysis of the "High School to College Success Report" that ACT creates for all Wisconsin high schools every three years
- Administration of a practice ACT exam to interested juniors in mid-October.

The list above reflects only some of the newest work being done at our school; it is not exhaustive and does not include all of the longtime efforts by parents, students, teachers, counselors, and the rest of our school community that continue to produce the outstanding results that we see in our student body.

Thank you to all involved with Homestead High School for your collective efforts to make our school one to celebrate.

Sincerely,



Brett Bowers  
Principal

***The mission of Homestead High School is to equip all students with transferrable skills, promote academic independence, foster social responsibility, and inspire a passion for learning.***