

MO K-8 Administrator of the Year  
Dr. Nancy Akert  
Shawnee R-III School District

Dr. Nancy Akert discovered her love for teaching after she graduated from Central Missouri State University and secured her first classroom position at William Bryant Elementary School in Blue Springs, Missouri. Upon the encouragement of her Principal, Dr. Cathy Paul, Nancy pursued her Master's Degree in Educational Leadership and continued on to earn her Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis. She has spent the last twelve years as the administrator at Shawnee R-III, where she has grown to love the atmosphere and opportunities afforded to the students by a small, K-8 rural school district. Spending time with her two grown children has always been very important to Nancy, but two years ago she discovered that being a grandma was even cooler than being a mom. Nancy considers herself to be blessed to have a job she loves and a family that she adores.