Coach Jim Reese

Coach Reese has been a long-time successful basketball coach at HHS. He began his career in 1974 with the boys' basketball team and ended it with the girls' team in 2008. Coach Reese was also a history teacher at HHS from 1974 to 1990 before becoming a guidance counselor until his retirement in 2008.

In 1974, Coach Reese began leading the boys' basketball team. He was the freshman coach for two years and then moved on to be the JV coach for six years before becoming the head coach. As head coach for five years with the boys, Coach Reese and his team won the Mid-State Conference Championship in 1984, which was the first in the school's history. His team also earned 18 wins that season which is still a school record today.



From 1992 to 1994, Coach Reese became the head Girls Basketball Coach for Manville High School.

In 1994, Coach Reese returned to coaching at HHS by assuming the Head Girls' Varsity Basketball position. Coach Reese's teams won Somerset County titles in 1998, 2005 and 2006 and conference titles in 1984, 1998, 1999, 2002, 2004, 2005, and 2007. His girls' teams went undefeated in conference play in 1998, 2002, and 2005. They also made it to the semifinals of the county tournament in 12 consecutive years from 1996-2007.

Coach Reese's overall record is 303-203 and with the girls' program specifically it is 238-107. He was selected as Coach of the Year in 1984 by the Home News Tribune and in 1996 and 2000 by the Star-Ledger.

The Hall of Fame Committee is proud to welcome Coach Jim Reese to the Class of 2010.