



**ROBERT LICHTER** is a retired teacher of Hinsdale South High School and worked at South for a total of 47 Years from 1970 to 1999.

Bob worked at Hinsdale South as a beloved science teacher from 1970 - 1999 and then immediately upon his retirement, he was like “nope” and he came right back to Hinsdale South and worked as our science lab aide from 1999 - 2017. During his time, he was the first teacher to win the Hinsdale High School Teacher’s Association Professional Excellence Award and this is one of the accomplishments he remains most proud of. He also shared that one of the things he most values are the many letters and handshakes of appreciation received from the parents of former students as well as the students themselves. Below are Bob’s accomplishments:

#### **Career:**

**1999-2017** Director of Labs (Science lab aide)  
Hinsdale South  
**1970-1999** Science teacher (Biology)  
Hinsdale South  
**1965-1969** Science teacher Lake Zurich High School  
**1964-1965** Science teacher Bloomington Junior  
High (Bloomington, Il)

#### **Education:**

**1969-1970** Complete Masters Degree  
(Illinois State University)  
**1959-1964** BS of Science  
(Illinois State University)

#### **Career accomplishments:**

After being out school for a year and working a variety of jobs, I considered the possibility of becoming a teacher. Having been fascinated by seeing living cells under a microscope, I decided that being a biology teacher was for me.

My early years of teaching motivated me to develop a course outline and associated labs that fit my philosophy. I also found that having students write answers in complete sentences was important in the development of concepts and understanding. If you can't explain something, you don't really understand. I ultimately rewrote all my labs placing an emphasis on asking questions that required answers in sentence form. While it takes more time to "grade" work done by students, I felt more confident in determining the level of comprehension in my students.

In addition to the above, I coached both boys and girls gymnastics for close to twenty years. I was also the head girls bowling coach for 19 years.

#### **Recognition/Awards:**

Received the first Professional Excellence Award  
presented by the HHSTA

#### **Community involvement:**

Served on the Golfview Hills Homeowners Board  
Coached little league baseball

#### **Bob’s legacy message to the students**

Take advantage of many different courses outside of the core curriculum. The greater the variety of experiences, the better your chance of discovering your interests that one day can lead to a career allowing you to wake up in the morning looking forward to going to "work"!!

When I was hired to teach biology back in 1970, I never thought that I would spend 47 years in the same school. These years have provided me with meaningful relationships and fond memories of former staff and former students. I will be forever grateful for the opportunity to have been a proud Hornet for 47 years.