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DOANE ACADEMY SPARTANS JOIN NJSIAA *Little school that plays big moves into state competition*



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Doane Academy has officially joined the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA). The Spartans will compete in the **Parochial B** division.

"Joining NJSIAA, gives our athletic program a more legitimate feel," Justin Cooper, Director of Athletics said. "This is a wonderful opportunity to promote Doane's athletes and athletic program throughout the county and state."

NJSIAA Membership entails the following changes:

- Tougher competition
- Eligibility for state titles and all-county recognition
- Stricter eligibility requirements
- Longer sports season
 - Example: the state soccer tournament is in November. The PJAA season ends in October.

NJSIAA is a watershed moment for the athletics program of the PreK-12, co-ed college preparatory school and an acknowledgement of the heart and hustle of student athletes in recent years. With only about 100 students to draw upon at the high school level, the Doane Spartans have been able to field full, competitive men's and women's basketball, crew, cross country and soccer teams as well as baseball and softball squads. Doane Academy high school students are required to play at least one varsity sport but most play two or three. All of Doane's athletic programs will join NJSIAA, with the exception of Crew.

Doane will also continue to play in the **Penn-Jersey Athletic Association (PJAA)**, a league made up of other Delaware Valley private schools. Doane women's teams have won one soccer and four softball PJAA championships in the last five years. The men's programs are perennial contenders across the sports.

About Doane Academy

Doane Academy, est. 1837, is an independent, Episcopal college preparatory school located in Burlington, NJ, next to the Burlington-Bristol Bridge. Here, students are known, loved and encouraged to reach their full potential.

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