



**BRIAN TAYLOR**  
**Perth Amboy HS**  
**Athlete - Basketball**

Brian Taylor is regarded as one of the most talented athletes ever produced out of Middlesex County.

He was an All-American as both a guard in basketball and quarterback in football at Perth Amboy, where he graduated in 1969.

He helped his team win a state title as a junior, during a year in which he once scored 84 points in a game. He ended his career with 2,495 points, which at the time ranked second in state history.

He continued his basketball career at Princeton, where he scored 1,239 points, which ranked second at the time behind Bill Bradley on the school scoring chart. Taylor scored those points in just two years, since freshmen were still ineligible at the time, and he opted to forego his senior year to turn pro.

He went on to play a total of 11 years in the ABA and NBA. He was the ABA Rookie of the Year with the New York Nets and teamed with Julius Erving to lead the Nets to ABA titles in 1974 and '76. He also made two appearances in the ABA All-Star game.