

"Tire Playground, J.A. Coles Elementary School"

and supplements the work of the individual PTAs, and sponsors Children's Theatre productions of professional entertainment for elementary students. Special Committees disseminate information on legislation regarding education and work with the local Police Departments to provide for the safety of students.

There is a joint American Field Service chapter in Scotch Plains and Fanwood which helps to support foreign students for a year at the high school. Local juniors and seniors may apply for a similar experience under the AFS Americans Abroad Program.

Private Schools

Scotch Plains has two parochial schools within its boundaries, St. Bartholomew the Apostle is an elementary school encompassing grades K-8. Union Catholic Regional High School is a co-educational school under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Nursery Schools

There are several nursery school programs available within Scotch Plains; Active Acres at 1390 Terrill Road; Plainfield Jewish Community Center, 1920 Cliffwood Avenue; Scotch Plains Baptist Nursery School, 333 Park Avenue; Montessori School of Scotch Plains, 1171 Terrill Road; and a program at the YMCA on Martine Avenue called Gym Jams.

Higher Education

Union County Technical Institute, enrolling approximately 600 students working for a two-year associate degree, is located at 1776 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. A division of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools, the Institute is supported by the County of Union.

The school's principal purpose is to prepare high school graduates to enter technical or semi-professional vocations which require supplementary training. There are day and evening courses.