

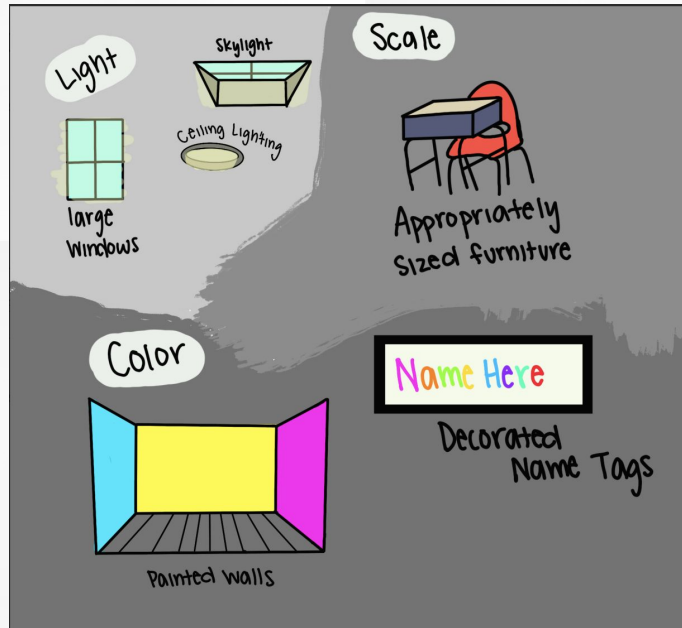
Introduction

When I figured out this project was to create a school I thought about how designers are able to best stimulate learning in students. In expanding on the question, I looked into which school systems across the globe are the most successful. Throughout my research, it was mentioned that Finland had the best education system in the world (Grut). I used this country as my template to arrange a design for a immersive & thriving school.

Through a general search of elementary schools, the most productive schools had a visual & safe aesthetic (Vaughan). The exposure to grade school may be some children's first experience outside the household. It is important to implement the area to have enough amenities to satisfy the child in a new environment.

Introduction Illustration

I found that Finnish schools favor an open concept layout. Their goal is to be able to expose students to as much learning as possible. For instance, a class learning english could be alongside a biology class (Savej).



While these spaces are open, they are spread out enough so there are no distractions. The concept behind teaching multiple classes in a large area is to peak interest of the student consciously and subconsciously (Jerzard).

In addition, I noticed positively stimulated classrooms have light, color, and proper scale.

Narratives



Name: Mandy Robertson

Role: Student

Request: Mandy describes how she wants her school to have a lot of color. She also requests to be able to have spaces to play indoors and outside. That way she can meet new friends.



Name: Julie Hawn

Role: Teacher

Request: Julie would like to teach in a classroom that is multifunctional. She wants her students to seamlessly transition into learning new topics without feeling overwhelmed.



Name: Taylor Evans

Role: Parent

Request: Taylor explains how she wants an environment where her child will feel safe to learn. Her hopes for the school is that there is enough space for children to mingle and explore.



Name: Jeff Smith

Role: Administrator

Request: Jeff wants his school to be updated and fun for the children. He however, does not want to compromise the schools budget so affordable designs are the way to go.

List of Spaces

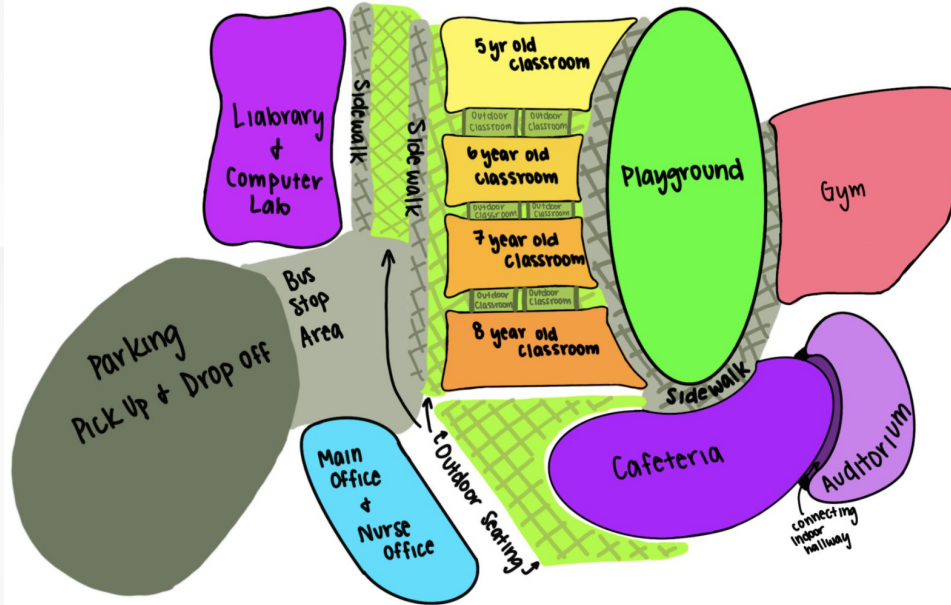
Inside

- Classroom
- Cafeteria
- Gym
- Administrative/Main Office
- Auditorium

Outside

- Outdoor Classroom
- Playground
- Outdoor Seating Areas
- Bus Stop Area
- Parking/Pick Up/ Drop Off

Bubble Diagram



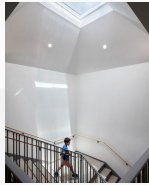
NATURAL LIGHT



Idea Board



COLOR



FLEXIBLE LEARNING SPACES

Description of Concept

The design concept of this school is to convey the classroom seamlessly indoors & outside. It is critical to have this smooth transition as natural light stimulates productive learning.

There is no need to be restless inside a school for most of the day. The layout of the school focuses on outdoor paths. It gives students a more scenic break walking between classes and extracurricular activities. Lastly the main purpose of the design is to transform the flow of children's mindset to be excited to learn. It consistently exposes a diversified experience throughout their school day.

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