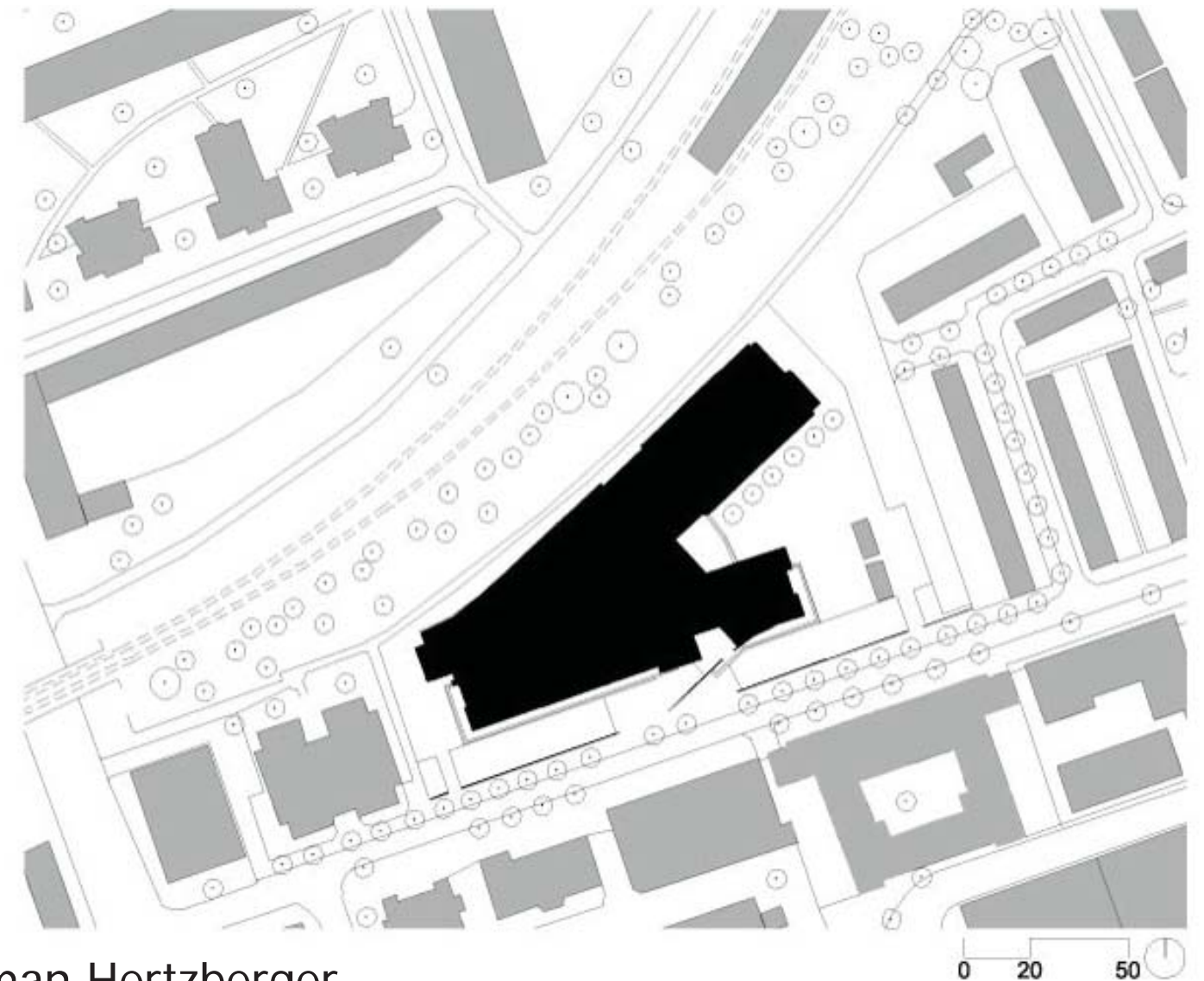
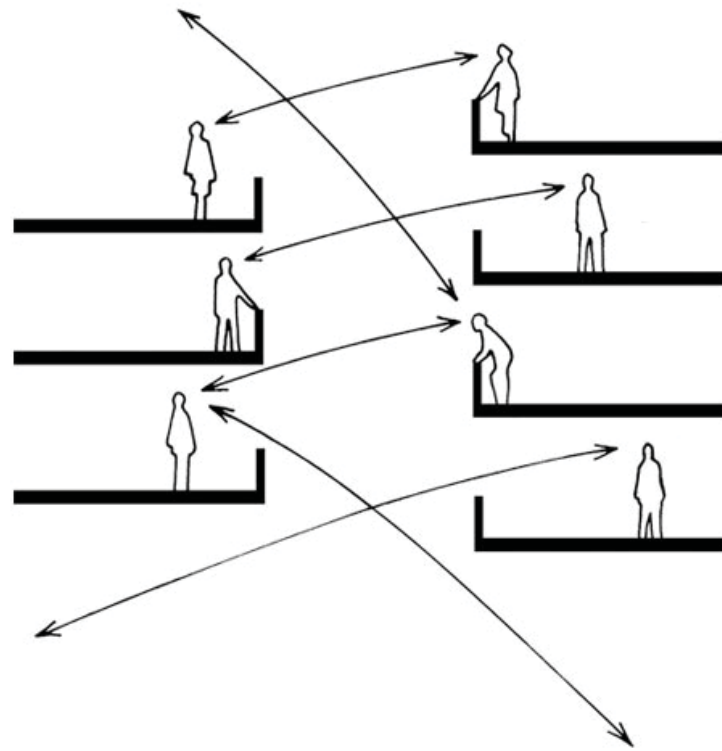




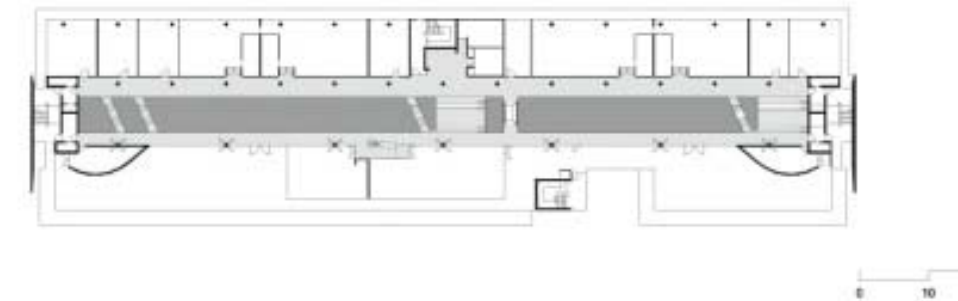
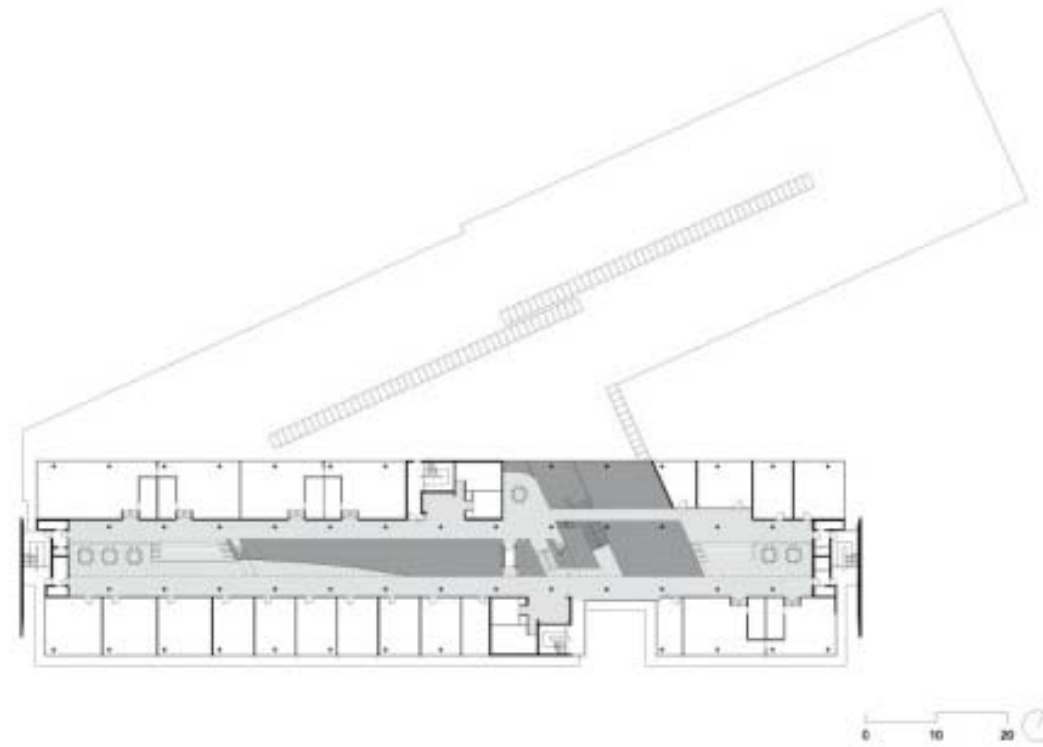
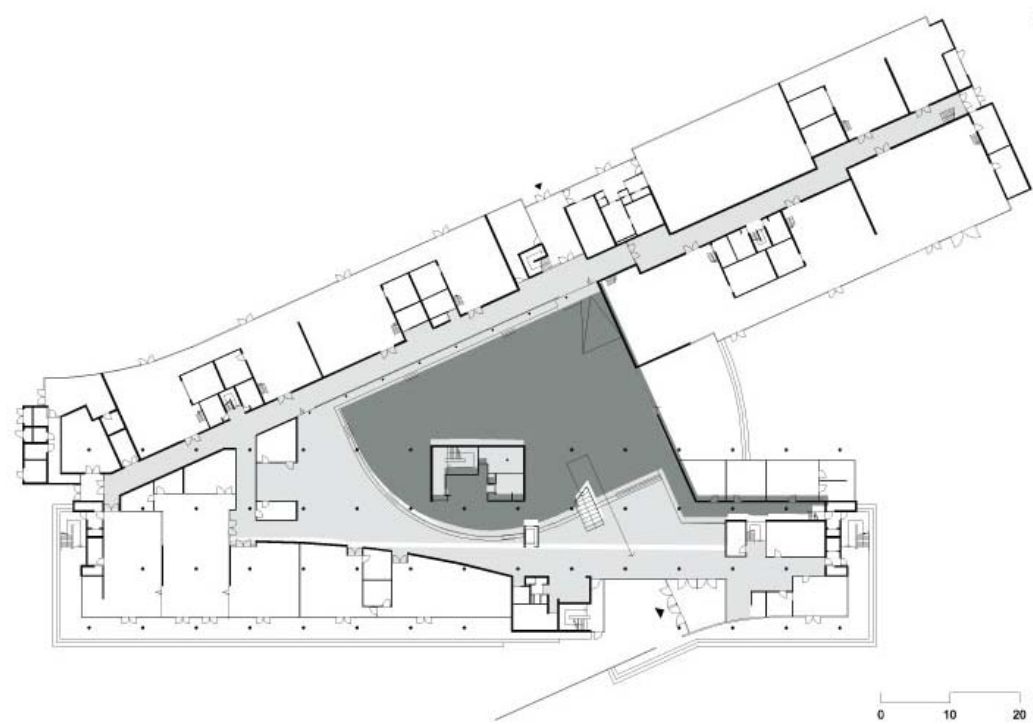
The Montessori College Oost in Amsterdam is one of Hertzberger's more well known school designs. The building was completed in 2000. The building is designed for high school age Dutch students. Hertzberger looked at the needs of high school students, social spaces, outlets for creativity, and a yearning to not be in school, and designed a school that functions and appears more as a city than a classic school. The urban nature of the building is also meant to be inviting in a way that brings together the diverse student body which is comprised of 56 different nationalities.



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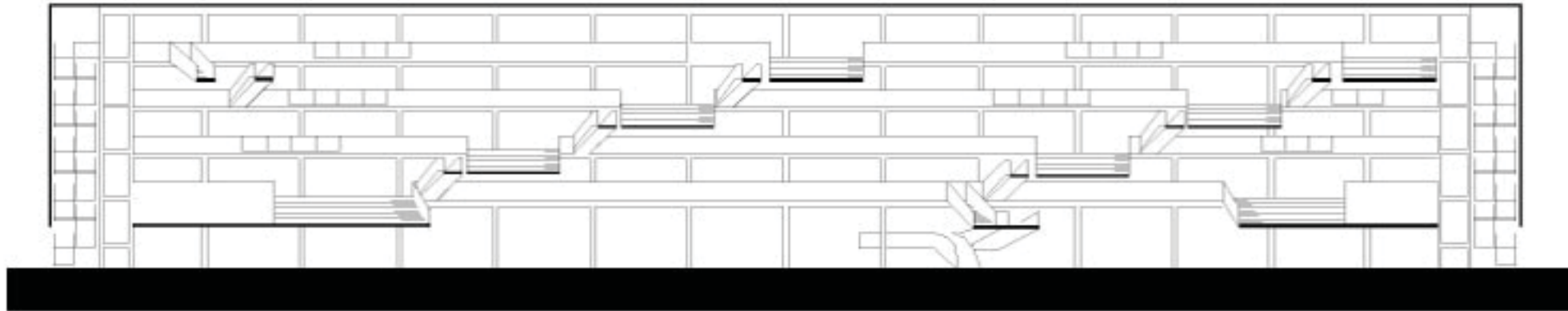
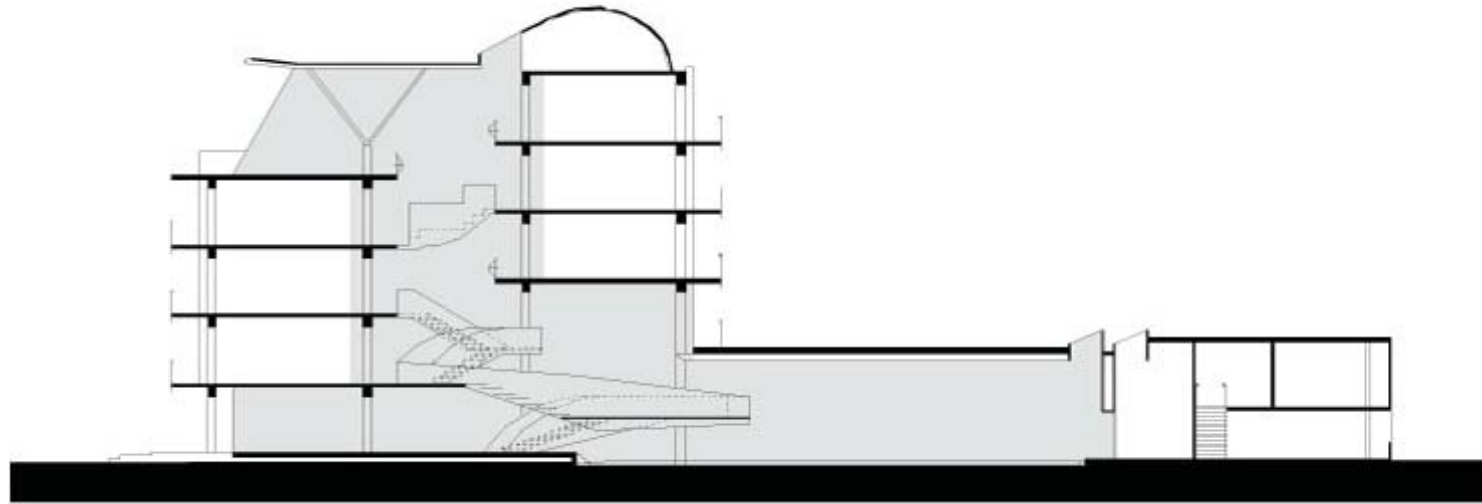




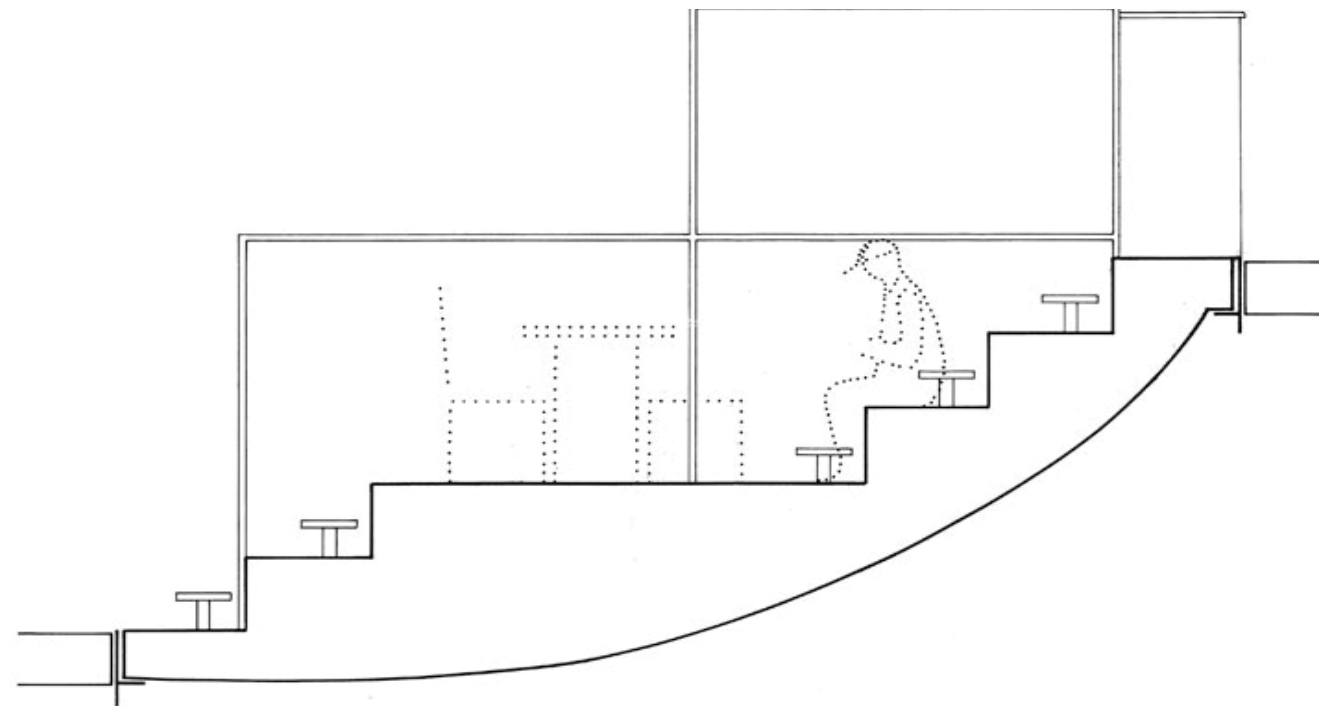
The plan shows the urban nature of the design. The classrooms are on the edge of the buildings while the middle provides room for circulation and social functions. The center is designed to act more as a city block than as a school and is a cultural commons of sorts.







The building is divided into half levels to maximize visual connections and give another layer of complexity and depth to the space. There are many different types of stairways for multiple functions, including the section at right in which the stairway contains seating and tables. Another stairway has a theatre on it.



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