

Fuchu Gakuen is a public school of continuous nine year education from elementary through junior high school, which unifies four elementary schools and one junior high school in the city center of Fuchu, Hiroshima. Under the concept of “school design is urban design” we aimed for the outcome of the project to be a symbol to activate the local area. Approaches such as building a sky-bridge across two separate sites, and the volume design to harmonize the surrounding landscape are realized.

We apprehended the nine years as a continuous journey through study, play, and nurture. Corresponding to each grade’s curriculum, physical scale and activity, this school provides a place of wonder and discovery for every child.

The building is formed by two intersected quadrangles, each infolding inner gardens. The elementary and the junior high school zones are gradually separated, and a library and gathering hall is located in between, as the entire school center.