# A Brief History of PACE

Over 40 years ago fifteen Northshore families, in conjunction with Northshore School District, created an alternative option to the district’s established elementary educational system.

1973 Northshore Alternative Program (NAP) at Lockwood Elementary started with one classroom as a K–3 program.

1974 NAP gained a second classroom at *NAP at Lockwood*.

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1976 NAP gained a fourth classroom at *NAP at Lockwood* and became a K–4 program.

1980 NAP opened a K–4 site at Woodin Elementary with 2 classrooms.

1985 NAP at Woodin (aka, *NAP Eastside*) moved to the Woodinville Annex where it grew to 5 ½ classroom and became a K–6 program.

1990 *NAP Eastside* became Recognizing Educational Alternatives for Children (REACH).

1992 REACH moved to Woodmoor Elementary with its 5 ½ classrooms.

1993 PACE started a K–6 program with 4 ½ classrooms as *PACE at Kokanee Elementary*.

1994 *REACH at Woodmoor* and *NAP at Lockwood* were renamed to Parents Active in Cooperative Education (PACE) matching the Kokanee name.

1994 *PACE at Woodmoor’s* site was reduced from 5 ½ classrooms to 4 ½.

1995 *PACE at Kokanee* was reduced from 4 ½ classrooms to 3 ½ classrooms.

1996 *PACE at Wellington Elementary* started as a 1–6 grade program with two classrooms.

1997 *PACE at Wellington* gained a third classroom.

1999 *PACE at Woodmoor* was again reduced, becoming a 3 ½ classroom site.

2001 All PACE programs eliminated Kindergarten beginning with school year 2001–2002.

2008 *PACE at Lockwood* celebrated 35 years. NSD cut bus service to all PACE programs.

2009 All PACE programs restructured to be cost neutral to the district. The Kokanee site merged with Woodmoor. Class sizes in the program were allowed to increase. Blended classes migrated to straight grades. The *PACE at Lockwood* logo was updated from the tree with parents and teachers, to a simple leaf design—which the other PACE sites also adopted.

2017 NSD realigned school boundaries and reconfigured grade levels to a K–5 elementary, 6–8 middle school and 9–12 high school. All PACE programs are now grades 1-5.