Teachers credentialed in Physical Education who obtained their credentials before the formal establishment of the Dance credential retain the authorization to teach dance. This is also true for teachers who hold Subject-Matter of Supplemental Authorizations in Dance in addition to another credential (i.e. Multiple Subjects).

According to state statute, once the credentialing programs exist, teachers who previously held PE credentials will maintain their authorization to teach dance. The legislative language from SB 916, which was signed into law in September 2016, states the following:

“A person issued a single-subject teaching credential in physical education before the establishment of a single-subject teaching credential in dance is authorized to teach dance.”

Also…

“Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a school district from employing a person who holds a single-subject teaching credential in another subject with an authorization to teach... dance from teaching dance.”

Physical Education credit can be issued by dance teachers holding a PE credential and who administer state Physical Fitness Tests to students. Visual and Performing Arts credit can be issued by Dance-credentialed teachers and those PE-credentialed dance teachers who held PE credentials before the establishment of the dance credential.