



La Habra High School

## HiARTS Biography – Teri Ross – Dance

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Teri Ross has over thirty years of experience teaching dance. Most of those years have been at La Habra High School. Although there have been other job offers, she has always chosen to stay at La Habra because of the community atmosphere and love of the students. Her desire to dance started as soon as she could walk. Wanting to be just like her older sister who was a dancer, her childhood was filled with daily dance classes, training in the classic styles of Ballet, Tap, Jazz, and Musical Theater.

She continued to follow her passion by earning her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Dance at CSU Long Beach, followed by her Master's in Education. Highlights of her time in college included being a member of the Performing Arts Tour, dancing and training with the dance legend Gloria Newman, and substitute teaching for the CSULB Dance Department in various styles. Completing her first degree in three years, and being offered multiple jobs straight out of college, led Teri to start her teaching career at a very young age. She is grateful to have always had a clear career path and has not regretted her decision one bit.

While at La Habra, Teri has grown the dance program to include a full range of classes including four different levels. Earlier in her career she served as Cheer Advisor and Coach, leading the Song Teams to win at the National level in competitions. While having directed over 60 dance performances at La Habra, Teri is continually motivated and inspired by her students, and is appreciative to have a beautiful new performing arts center and newly renovated dance room.