GROUNDS MAINTENANCE WORKER II

BASIC FUNCTION:

Under the direction of the Plant Manager, perform semi-skilled gardening and grounds maintenance, construction, preventive maintenance and repair duties on assigned school grounds, athletic fields and landscaped areas; operate heavy grounds equipment; plant lawns, trees and shrubs; repair irrigation systems; train and provide work direction to grounds maintenance staff.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:

Grounds Maintenance Worker I incumbents are assigned routine groundskeeping duties at an assigned school site. Grounds Maintenance Worker II incumbents perform semi-skilled gardening and grounds maintenance duties on assigned school grounds and landscape throughout the site and perform specialized duties such as landscape construction, repairing irrigation systems and preparing and striping athletic fields for events. Incumbents may provide work direction to grounds staff on special projects.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES:

- Perform semi-skilled grounds maintenance, construction, preventive maintenance and repair services on school grounds and landscaped areas; plant lawns, flowers, trees, shrubs and other vegetation. *E*
- Perform gardening, pruning and grounds work on assigned school grounds; prepare and fertilize soil; fill potholes and reseed lawns; remove trees and bushes as necessary. *E*
- Mix and spray pesticides and other chemical applications for the removal of weeds and other pests as directed. E
- Rebuild, renovate and reseed athletic fields as necessary; drag, mark and line athletic fields. E
- Lay out, repair and maintain new and existing irrigation systems; dig trenches and lay irrigation pipe.
- Control, operate and troubleshoot irrigation system, using specialized computer system. E
- Groom, sanitize and maintain artificial turf. E
- Operate and maintain a variety of power-driven and heavy grounds equipment, including dump trucks, skiploader, tractors, forklift, concrete saw, trenchers, mowers, chain saws and other grounds maintenance tools and equipment; maintain equipment in a safe and proper operating condition; perform welding in the repair and maintenance of fences, gates and other equipment as necessary. *E*
- Remove, form, install and finish concrete; apply cold and hot mix asphalt in the repair and maintenance of school parking lots; install and repair fences as necessary. *E*
- Train and provide work direction to grounds maintenance staff on special projects; assist and train personnel in the proper operation of equipment as necessary.
- Perform related duties as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE OF:

Operation of grounds equipment and related hand and power tools.

Maintenance and repair of irrigation systems.

Principles and practices of training and providing work direction.

Pesticides and other chemicals used in grounds maintenance.

Semi-skilled grounds maintenance procedures including mowing, edging, raking and weeding.

Methods, equipment and materials used in gardening and groundskeeping work.

Health and safety regulations.

Cultivating, fertilizing, watering and spraying of flowers, trees and shrubs.

Basic record-keeping techniques.

Operation of a computer as assigned for the classfication.

ABILITY TO:

Provide a DMV printout dated within 2 months.

Perform semi-skilled gardening and grounds maintenance, construction, preventive maintenance and repair duties on assigned school grounds, athletic fields and landscaped areas.

Operate heavy power equipment used in groundskeeping.

Maintain and repair sprinklers and watering systems.

Mow, edge, water, weed, fertilize, rake and cultivate lawns, flower beds, athletic fields and other landscaped areas.

Perform specialized groundskeeping activities, including concrete and asphalt work.

Maintain athletic fields in a safe condition.

Use a variety of tools and machines utilized in the basic trade.

Safely operate power equipment.

Observe legal and defensive driving practices.

Operate a computer as assigned for the classification.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Any combination equivalent to: graduation from high school and two years responsible experience in grounds maintenance work including heavy grounds equipment operation.

LICENSES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

Valid California driver's license.

WORKING CONDITIONS:

ENVIRONMENT:

Outdoor environment.

Subject to extreme weather conditions, dust and noise from equipment operation.

PHYSICAL ABILITIES:

Lifting moderately heavy objects.

Bending, kneeling, pushing to operate power tools, equipment and vehicles.

HAZARDS:

Exposure to noise from equipment operation.

Working around machinery with moving parts.

Exposure to fumes, smoke or gases, hazardous materials and extreme heat.

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