

BURBANK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

CLASS TITLE: GROUNDS TECHNICIAN

BASIC FUNCTION:

Under the direction of the Grounds Supervisor and/or Grounds Leadperson, operate power mowing and related grounds equipment to maintain District grounds and athletic fields in a clean and safe condition; trim and prune trees; service and adjust equipment and perform other grounds maintenance duties as assigned.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES:

Operate a variety of power grounds equipment such as large power mowers and tractors to mow and renovate lawns and large fields at District sites; operate power and hand trimmer, blower, hand mower, edger, and various small hand and power tools and other related grounds maintenance tools; operate truck, truck with trailer and turf sweeper.

Trim and prune trees; climb trees using belts and ropes or other equipment; operate various chain and handsaws and related tools and equipment in a safe and proper manner.

Service and adjust assigned equipment; perform preventive maintenance as necessary to assure safe operation.

Attend training sessions/in-services as required to keep up-to-date on pesticide and herbicide application procedures, requirements and other grounds related subjects.

Perform grounds work as needed such as laying sod, applying herbicides, pesticides, fertilizers or other chemicals according to established procedures; assist the Irrigation Specialist in the installation, repair and maintenance of the District's sprinkler system and devices.

Operate various machinery and vehicles used in the renovating of grounds areas and fields; fill holes and plant and remove trees.

Operate a variety of grounds maintenance tools, equipment and machinery including, sweepers, edgers, trencher, sod cutter, fertilizer spreader, mowers, manlift, power spray rig and other related equipment.

Water, cultivate, prune and trim lawns, hedges, flowers and shrubs; raise canopies of trees; hoe weeds and rake lawns. Remove weeds from asphalt and concrete areas.

Provide assistance to other grounds personnel as required.

Clean grounds areas and dispose of tree limbs, trash and debris; perform general grounds clean up including picking up paper and trash around ground area; assist in sweeping asphalt playgrounds.

Prepare various athletic fields for sports events and physical education classes, including layout, measurement and design, burn, paint and chalk.

Perform duties in the planting, transplanting and fertilizing of plants, shrubs and trees.

Perform related duties as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES:

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Methods, materials, tools and large power equipment used in groundskeeping.

Operation and maintenance of power grounds equipment, and tools used in grounds department.

Operation of vehicles used in grounds department.

Health and safety regulations pertaining to position.

Safe and proper tree trimming and pruning methods.

Requirements of maintaining school grounds in a safe, clean and orderly condition.

Proper methods of storing equipment, materials and supplies.

Herbicides, pesticides, and other chemicals used in grounds maintenance.

ABILITY TO:

Perform responsible groundskeeping duties.

Operate and maintain power grounds equipment and tools.

Exercise caution and be alert to children while mowing school lawns and fields.

Trim and prune tall trees in a safe and proper manner.
Climb ladders and trees using climbing gear and equipment.
Maintain routine records and logs on equipment.
Understand and follow oral and written directions.
Use herbicides and other chemicals using safe and proper methods.
Work cooperatively and effectively with others.
Perform heavy manual labor.
Lift objects weighing up to 80 pounds using safe and proper methods and/or equipment. Move objects weighing over 80 pounds using safe and proper methods and/or equipment.
Operate motorized vehicles and grounds equipment including manual transmissions.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Any combination equivalent to: sufficient training and experience to demonstrate the knowledge and abilities listed above and two years groundskeeping or related experience including experience in the operation of power mowing equipment or trimming trees.

LICENSES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

Valid California driver's license.

WORKING CONDITIONS:

Outdoor environment where children may be present; subject to adverse weather conditions; climbing tall trees, lifting, bending, pushing, pulling, noise, dust, fumes and chemicals. Driving from site to site.