

BURBANK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

CLASS TITLE: SENIOR GROUNDS TECHNICIAN

BASIC FUNCTION:

Under the direction of the Grounds Supervisor and/or Grounds Leadperson, perform daily Grounds Technician duties such as: 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. Assist in conducting the District-wide pesticide spraying program; 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.

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

Service and adjust assigned equipment; perform preventative maintenance as necessary to ensure safe operation.

Perform grounds work as needed such as laying sod, assisting with irrigation system maintenance and applying herbicides and pesticides, fertilizers or other chemicals according to established procedures.

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.

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.

Inspect and maintain fire extinguishers for the District's facilities and schools; maintain related records.

Assist Irrigation Specialist in the installation, repair and maintenance of the District irrigation sprinkler systems and devices.

Assist the Grounds Supervisor and/or Grounds Leadperson in developing, implementing and ensuring compliance with appropriate safety practices and requirements' ensure safe and proper safety practices and requirements; ensure safe and proper applications of herbicides and pesticides; conduct training in safe handling and applications of pesticides.

Assist in communicating with personnel from other departments to coordinate activities and to clarify written requests related to pesticides.

Assist in providing information regarding schedules and time lines related to pesticides.

Assist in providing instruction and in-services to new grounds maintenance personnel and substitutes as needed.

Conduct District security and emergency services as assigned.

Perform related duties as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES:

KNOWLEDGE OF:

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.

Tree trimming and automatic and manual irrigation systems.

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.

Proper application of herbicides, pesticides and other chemicals used in grounds maintenance.

State, local and federal laws, codes and regulations governing herbicides, pesticides, and fire extinguisher maintenance.

Principles and techniques used in the installation and repair of irrigation sprinkler and automatic irrigation systems.

ABILITY TO:

- Perform responsible groundskeeping duties.
- Operate and maintain power grounds equipment and tools and vehicles in a safe and efficient manner.
- Exercise caution and be alert to children while mowing school lawns and fields.
- Trim and prune tall tree 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.
- Perform a variety of groundskeeping, pest control and irrigation duties.
- 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 transmissions.
- Train grounds personnel.
- Communicate effectively both orally and in writing.
- Read, apply and explain rules, regulations, policies and procedures.
- Maintain records and prepare reports.
- Meet schedules and time lines.
- Work independently with little direction.
- Plan and organize work.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Any combination equivalent to: graduation from high school including or supplemented by course work or training in a related field and three years increasingly responsible experience in grounds maintenance and the operation of power mowing equipment or trimming trees.

LICENSES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

Valid California driver's license; must obtain_pest control (Cat. A & B) certification, California Fire Extinguisher Certificate of Registration, Type 1 and_valid first aid first aid certificate within six months of employment.

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.