

GROUNDS EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

DEFINITION:

Under general supervision of the Grounds Maintenance Supervisor, operates a variety of mowing, spraying and grounds maintenance equipment; makes regular use of large field mowers and drives grounds maintenance equipment on city streets; services, maintains and makes minor repairs to the equipment used; assumes and performs related work as necessary or required.

CLASS CHARACTERISTICS:

This class is distinguished from other classes in the type of equipment operated on a daily basis. The incumbent is expected to work independently using discretion in the timing of mowing activities to ensure mowing of the large fields and dress lawns of District school sites and other properties in a timely and safe manner.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:

Drives a large tractor flail mower on city streets to and from school sites and other District properties; *E*

Operates the tractor flail mower and other mowers in mowing fields and other large grass areas; *E*

Operates Bobcat tractors, skip loaders and dump trucks; *E*

Inspects field sites for wet spots and removes trash and debris in preparation for mowing; *E*

Performs routine service and maintenance on the tractor flail mower, accessory devices, other mowers and grounds maintenance equipment; *E*

Operates a variety of hand and power operated grounds maintenance equipment;

May assist in the installation, maintenance and repair of sprinkler systems;

May assist with the application and maintenance of asphalt areas;

Operates a variety of District vehicles.

SUPERVISION:

General supervision and direction is received from the Grounds Maintenance Supervisor.

Supervision is not exercised over other employees.

***E* denotes an essential function of the job.**

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Knowledge of:

Safe and efficient work practices associated with the operation and maintenance of large power mowers and other powered grounds maintenance equipment;
Appropriate methods, materials, tools and equipment used in grounds maintenance work;
Appropriate health and safety work procedures and precautions.

Ability to:

Safely and efficiently operate a variety of motorized equipment and motor vehicles on school grounds and city streets;
Safely and efficiently operate large power mowers and other grounds equipment both powered and manual;
Safely and efficiently operate a variety of hand and power tools and equipment used in grounds maintenance tasks;
Perform heavy manual labor in outdoor weather and damp ground conditions;
Understand and carry out oral and written instructions;
Prepare, maintain simple records;
Establish and maintain cooperative working relationships.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Individuals possessing the foregoing knowledge, skills and abilities are considered to possess education necessary to succeed in this class. The basic educational skills are typically acquired in completion of high school. Job specific skills are typically acquired through one to two years of experience operating a variety of equipment such as Bobcats, skip loaders, dump trucks and some experience in grounds/gardening work.

LICENSES/CERTIFICATES REQUIRED:

Possession of a valid and appropriate California Driver's License.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS AND WORKING ENVIRONMENT:

Sits, stands, walks, frequently climbs on and off equipment, maintains balance, stoops, bends, kneels, and reaches over head to perform work; lifts, carries, pushes objects weighing 50 to 75 pounds; repetitively uses fingers on both hands, twists and exerts pressure with wrists and hands; uses both hands/legs simultaneously; requires rapid mental/muscular coordination; communicates clearly and is able to understand normal voice conversation; has good depth perception and normal color vision; visual acuity sufficient to see small details, and distance vision to safely operate a large tractor on city streets and school grounds; works in various lighting conditions; works with a variety of powered equipment and sharp tools; works outside subject to ambient temperature changes; frequently exposed to fumes, odors, dust, and occasionally to toxic materials; has direct contact with District staff; works without direct guidance from supervisor; wears safety equipment appropriate to the job. Employment is contingent upon passing a physical examination and back evaluation test.

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