

GROUNDSKEEPER/GARDENER

DEFINITION

Under supervision, to perform routine gardening and varied grounds maintenance work on school rounds and athletic fields; and to do related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

Plant lawns, trees, shrubs and flowers; prune trees, trim and prune shrubbery and hedges; rake; fertilize and apply herbicides and insecticides on lawns and landscaped areas; hoe weeds; water various grounds areas; operate grounds equipment including power and manual mowers, saw, edger, sweeper and District vehicles including light duty ride on equipment such as mowers, electric cart; assist in preparing and marking athletic fields; haul dirt; level and prepare fields and repairs drainage damage; prepare athletic pits; assist in repairs of walks and sprinkling systems; assist in maintaining tools and equipment in proper condition; pick up and remove trash; assist in cleaning, moving, arranging and setting up furniture and equipment.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of

Methods, materials and tools used in planting, cultivating and caring of lawns, flowers, shrubs, trees and plants; safety related to methods, practices and equipment.

Ability to

Operate motorized equipment; use gardening hand tools; lift and carry bulk gardening supplies, sports equipment and furniture; after appropriate training safely use machines, equipment, and tools related to job duties; perform manual labor to maintain grounds, lawns, gardens and fields; maintain work schedule; understand and carry out oral and written instructions; establish and maintain cooperative working relationships.

Experience

One year of gardening experience

Education

Equivalent to the completion of the eighth grade, twelfth grade preferred.

Physical Performance Requirements

Frequent lifting and maneuvering of up to 50 to 60 pounds, with occasional lifting and maneuvering of up to 100 pounds with or without assistance. Frequent standing or walking much of the time with some twisting, bending, stooping, and squatting also required. May work on irregular surfaces or at heights above the ground.

Licenses

Possession of a valid and appropriate California Driver's License; State Operator's License for Lift Trucks, if required.