

COLTON JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

CLASS TITLE: GROUNDS EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

BASIC FUNCTION:

Under the direction of an assigned supervisor, operate a variety of medium to heavy duty grounds maintenance equipment utilized in mowing and trimming lawns and trees, moving dirt and transporting materials and equipment; perform skilled gardening and grounds maintenance duties in the beautification of District grounds and/or-athletic fields; prepare athletic fields for physical education or sporting events as assigned; train and provide work direction to staff as assigned.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES:

ESSENTIAL DUTIES:

Operate tractor with ground mower attachments such as a blade disc and flail mowers, and other grounds equipment in weeding, digging, and harrowing grounds; operate skip loaders to pick up trash, rocks, sand and dirt, and load trucks.

Perform skilled heavy tree trimming and removal activities; operate a truck with hydraulic boom attachment and/or aerial lift, pole saw and chain saws for trees at high elevations.

Operate a sweeper, tractors and riding mowers, front loader tractor with attachments, tractor with floats-grading renovator, backhoe, rototiller and dump trucks; operate a variety of grounds equipment such as trimmers, weed eater, push and/or riding mowers, edgers, blowers, saws, power pressure sprayers and other equipment used in grounds maintenance work; utilize standard gardening hand tools; drive a vehicle to various sites to conduct work; transport equipment and tractors to school sites as needed.

Train and provide work direction and guidance to assigned grounds staff as assigned by the position; train staff in the proper use of grounds equipment.

Perform a variety of skilled gardening and grounds maintenance duties in the beautification of District-wide grounds and athletic fields.

Prepare, measure, mark, line, level and maintain athletic fields for physical education and other sporting events according to established procedures and specifications as assigned by the position; install temporary fencing; maintain tennis courts as assigned.

Mow, edge, trim, and water lawns, fields and other turf grounds; prepare and fertilize soil; renovate, aerate and cultivate lawns; water various grounds areas by hand or by operating the irrigation system.

Plant, transplant, cultivate, prune, spray, fertilize and irrigate flowers, trees, grass and shrubs; hoe and pull weeds and rake leaves; edge walkways; sweep litter from walks and driveways; apply pest control methods to eradicate weeds, gophers and other pests according to established procedures.

Perform general grounds cleanup, including picking up paper, trash and debris on grounds areas, parking lots, playgrounds, athletic fields and other assigned areas; empty waste receptacles.

Maintain grounds maintenance equipment in safe operating condition; perform minor maintenance on equipment such as changing spark plugs, blades, and oil as needed.

Monitor inventory levels of grounds maintenance supplies and equipment as assigned by the position; assist in ordering, receiving and maintaining inventory of supplies and equipment.

OTHER DUTIES:

Assist in the maintenance and removal of asphalt, concrete, athletic or playground equipment; perform minor sprinkler repair.

Perform related duties as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES:

KNOWLEDGE OF:

Operation, use, and routine maintenance of medium to heavy duty power grounds and tree trimming equipment.

Materials, equipment and methods used in tree trimming.

Technical aspects of field of specialty.

Grounds maintenance procedures including mowing, edging, raking and weeding.

Methods, equipment and materials used in gardening and grounds keeping work.

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

Operation and maintenance of hand and power tools and equipment used in grounds keeping.

Health and safety regulations.

Principles and practices of training and providing work direction to others as assigned.

ABILITY TO:

Operate a variety of medium to heavy duty grounds maintenance equipment utilized in mowing and trimming lawns and trees, moving dirt and transporting materials and equipment.

Perform skilled gardening, grounds maintenance duties on District-wide-grounds, athletic fields and landscaped areas.

Perform weed and pest control and abatement according to established procedures.

Perform skilled tree trimming work.

Train and provide work direction to staff as assigned by the position.

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

Operate hand and power tools and other equipment used in grounds maintenance.

Understand and follow oral and written instructions.

Observe health and safety regulations.

Establish and maintain cooperative and effective working relationships with others.

Work independently with little direction.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Education: Graduation for high school or equivalent.

Experience: Three years' experience in the operation and maintenance of grounds maintenance equipment including large gang mowers and related equipment.

Any other combination of training and/or experience that would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities may be considered.

LICENSES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

Valid California Class C driver's license.

WORKING CONDITIONS:

ENVIRONMENT:

Outdoor work environment.
Seasonal heat and cold or adverse weather conditions.
Exposure to fumes, dust, odors, oil/grease, gases.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

Dexterity of hands and fingers to operate grounds maintenance equipment.
Walking or standing for extended periods of time.
Seeing to perform gardening and grounds work.
Lifting, carrying, pushing or pulling heavy objects as assigned by position.
Sitting to operate tractors, mowers and other machines.
Bending at the waist, kneeling or crouching.
Reaching overhead, above the shoulders and horizontally.
Heavy physical labor.

HAZARDS:

Working around and with machinery having moving parts.
Exposure to chemicals and fumes.
Working at heights on aerial lifts.