

ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

GARDENER/GROUNDSKEEPER

DEFINITION

Under general supervision performs roving maintenance and gardening work on school grounds and fields; performs grounds or athletic field maintenance; and does related work as required.

Representative Duties

Mows lawns and fields; trims shrubs, hedges, and trees; sprays flowers and shrubs with insecticides; waters lawns and fields; hoes weeds and rakes lawns; operates power mower and edger; operates a pickup truck in driving to various grounds areas; may be assigned to occasionally operate medium duty equipment, such as tractors, mowers, trucks, fork lifts; checks and services sprinkler systems; operates hand and power mowers and spray equipment; spades and otherwise prepares grounds around flowers and shrubs; does general grounds cleanup, including picking up paper and trash on grounds areas; assists in setting up for special events.

Organizational Responsibilities

Positions in this class report to a Lead Grounds Maintenance Worker, are assigned to work in roving capacity out of the central District yard. All assignments require independent responsibility in following prescribed methods and schedules.

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Training and Experience

Good work history including one year of experience as Groundsman or Gardner.

Knowledge and Abilities

Good knowledge of: the basic methods, materials, tools, and equipment used in grounds keeping work; lawn sprinkling systems, safe working methods and procedures.

Licenses

A valid California Motor Vehicle Operator's License.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS AND WORKING CONDITIONS:

Heavy Work:

Positions in this class perform work which involves the frequent lifting, pushing and/or pulling of objects which may approximate 75 pounds and may occasionally weigh up to 100 pounds.

Mobility:

Positions in this class require the mobility to stand, stoop, reach and bend;
Positions in this class require mobility of arms to reach and dexterity of hands to grasp and manipulate small objects.

Other Conditions:

Incumbents may be required to work in inclement weather without effective protection from sun, cold and rain;
Incumbents may be required to work with harsh or toxic substances;
Incumbents may be required to work around foul odors;
Incumbents may be required to wear protective apparel including goggles, face protectors, aprons, shoes and oxygen breathing apparatus.