

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

CLASS TITLE: GROUNDS EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

BASIC FUNCTION:

Under the direction of the Area Supervisor-Grounds, perform grounds related maintenance and tasks; operate large gang mowers, tractors and dump trucks.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

Confer with school principal and grounds supervisor regarding grounds care and maintenance programs at the school sites.

Operate ride-on gang mowers in mowing large grass areas at assigned schools.

Transport equipment to schools, and for servicing, lubricating and minor maintenance and repair of the equipment.

Perform other grounds maintenance work, such as fertilizing, pruning, spraying, reseeding, and general ground tasks and cleanup.

Operate tractor, with attachments for flailing, rototilling, scraping, posthole digging, and for aerating lawns.

Operate dump truck in hauling sand and dirt, and other grounds related material and items.

Check, evaluate and assist in making any necessary repairs to irrigation systems.

Prepare and assist in striping sports fields and physical education fields as needed.

Assist with coordinating aeration and fertilization of sports fields.

Perform duties of Grounds Worker and other duties as assigned.

Perform related duties as assigned.

DEMONSTRATED KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES:

KNOWLEDGE OF:

Operation and minor repair and maintenance of motorized equipment, such as tractors, ride-on gang mowers, and trucks.

Methods, materials, tools and equipment used in grounds maintenance and gardening work.

Proper lifting techniques.

Interpersonal skills using tact, patience and courtesy.

ABILITY TO:

- Operate and maintain tractors, trucks and ride-on gang mowers.
- Perform general groundskeeping and grounds work.
- Perform heavy manual labor.
- Service and maintain assigned tools and equipment.
- Understand and follow oral and written directions.
- Work cooperatively with others.
- Establish and maintain cooperative and effective working relationships with others.
- Make oral or written reports and maintain basic records.
- Speak, read and write English at a level required for satisfactory job performance.
- Maintain consistent, punctual and regular attendance.
- Move hands and fingers to operate grounds maintenance equipment.
- See to perform grounds work.
- Bend at the waist, kneel, stoop or crouch.
- Walk over rough and uneven surfaces.
- Sit or stand for extended periods of time.
- Reach overhead, above the shoulders and horizontally.
- Climb ladders.
- Dig.
- Use proper lifting methods.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED:

Any combination equivalent to: graduation from high school and two years paid experience in the operation and maintenance of large motorized ground equipment, such as tractor, gang mowers and trucks.

LICENSES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

Possession of or ability to obtain a valid California Class A driver's license within the first six months of employment.
Floor-lift 72 pounds and arm-lift 44 pounds.

WORKING CONDITIONS:

ENVIRONMENT:

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

HAZARDS:

- Working around and with machinery having moving parts.
- Exposure to chemicals and fumes.
- Working on ladders.