

DESERT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

GROUNDSKEEPER

BASIC FUNCTION

Under the direction of the Grounds Supervisor or Administrative Services Supervisor-CMC, perform general and varied groundskeeping gardening and maintenance work.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES

Plant, cultivate, prune, spray, fertilize and irrigate flowers, trees grass and shrubs; hoe weeds, rake leaves, sweep walks, pick up debris and other related duties as needed. *E*

Mow, edge, trim, fertilize and rake lawns; irrigate and water various grounds areas by hand or by operating a sprinkler system. *E*

Operate a variety of power driven equipment such as tractors, trucks, weed whips, mowers, fork lifts, sweepers, earth movers, power pressure sprayers, chain saws and other equipment used in grounds maintenance work; utilize standard gardening hand tools; assure equipment is in safe operating condition. *E*

Install or sod new lawns; sweep lawns, sidewalks, blacktop and other athletic facility areas; clean and wash down football stadium; aerate and fertilize turf areas using special equipment. *E*

Set-up and prepare seating, bleachers, tables and dividers for a variety of special events, such as concerts, athletic events, graduation and registration; dismantle, clean and repair fields and facilities. *E*

Assist with and perform general grounds maintenance duties involved in repairing fences, mixing and pouring cement and other duties; haul sand and dirt as assigned.

Assist in the maintenance and repair of automatic sprinkler systems; reline pipe and electric clock systems as required.

Perform related duties as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES

Knowledge of: Methods, materials and equipment used in athletic field maintenance work; basic methods, materials and equipment commonly used in propagating, cultivating, pruning and caring for plants, shrubs, flowers, trees and lawns; safe work practices and procedures; proper and safe operation, use and routine maintenance of power-driven grounds equipment and machinery; methods, use and care of materials used in controlling pests, insects and weeds; cultivating, fertilizing, watering and spraying of flowers, trees and shrubs and weed abatement materials; proper operation of heavy grounds equipment; maintenance and repair of irrigation systems; design, installation, maintenance and repair of irrigation systems; health and safety regulations and practices.

Ability to: Perform responsible grounds maintenance duties involved in preparation and maintenance of District's athletic fields and related facilities; perform groundskeeping duties in the maintenance of lawns and landscaped areas; operate a variety of power equipment including tractors, mowers and other mechanical equipment used in grounds maintenance work; utilize line markers, dyes, drags and other related equipment in the preparation and maintenance of athletic fields; work cooperatively with others; work independently with little direction; meet schedules and time lines; observe health and safety regulations; lift, carry, push and pull heavy objects; bend at the waist, kneel or crouch; walk and stand for extended periods of time; climb ladders to trim trees.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

Any combination equivalent to: graduation from high school and one year experience as a groundskeeper.

LICENSES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Valid California driver's license and must have an acceptable driving record and qualify for insurability by the District's insurance carrier.

Some positions in this class may be required to possess a Class B driver's license.

WORKING CONDITIONS

Environment: Outdoor work environment. Driving a vehicle to conduct work. Regular exposure to fumes and noise from equipment operation.

Hazards: Working around and with machinery having moving parts. Exposure to chemicals used in controlling pests and weed abatement.

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Bargaining Unit Position

E=Essential Functions