

ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

SENIOR GARDENER/GROUNDSKEEPER

DEFINITION

Under general supervision performs more technical and skilled gardening duties in the landscaping and maintenance of all District grounds and landscaped areas; exercises leadership over other gardening and grounds personnel; and performs related duties and responsibilities as required.

Representative Duties

Exercises senior status and some leadership role over gardening and grounds personnel; takes responsibility for and performs more complex duties and assignments in the care and maintenance of landscaped areas.

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, skiploaders, and trenchers; 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 position or the Grounds Maintenance Supervisor and act as senior worker with a crew of groundskeeping and gardening personnel.

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Training and Experience

Two years of responsible gardening and groundskeeping experience.

Knowledge and Abilities

Thorough knowledge of: the methods, materials, tools, and equipment used in groundskeeping work, safe working methods and procedures.

Ability to: use gardening and groundskeeping tools and equipment skillfully and safely; understand and follow written and oral instructions; keep simple records.

Licenses

A valid California Motor Vehicle Operator's License.

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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.