

TRACTOR MOWER OPERATOR

DEFINITION

Operates a gasoline or diesel powered tractor mower and intermittently provides work direction to gardening personnel engaged in fire clearance, gardening maintenance and lawn and sports turf care at school sites.

TYPICAL DUTIES

Operates, adjusts, and performs minor maintenance on a gasoline or diesel powered tractor with retractable mower reels to travel to school sites on public streets and mow lawn and sports turf areas.

Uses mower attachments to aerate, seed, and fertilize lawn and turf areas.

Confers with school administrators and area gardening personnel to schedule and coordinate the mowing of lawn and turf areas.

Intermittently provides work direction to gardening crews engaged in garden maintenance and turf and lawn care activities, such as fertilizing, aerating, weeding, reseeding, landscaping and removal of weeds and rubbish as needed.

Report on and assists in reviewing, evaluating, and maintaining new and improved gardening equipment, materials, and supplies.

May operate, adjust, and perform minor maintenance on power mowers, tractor attachments, and other power gardening equipment.

May instruct and train District personnel in the operation of tractor mowers.

May perform duties related to landscape and field reconditioning functions during periods of inclement weather.

Performs related duties as assigned.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS AMONG RELATED CLASSES

A Tractor Mower Operator operates a gasoline or diesel-powered tractor mower; makes cost estimates of lawn and turf reconditioning; and intermittently provides work direction to lower-level gardening personnel engaged in garden maintenance and turf and lawn care.

A Tractor Operator operates a tractor with various attachments and supervises a small crew in gardening, fire clearance, and reconditioning athletic fields and tracks, installing and reconditioning baseball and softball diamonds, and general landscape work.

A Senior Gardener supervises a crew of Gardeners and participates in the grounds maintenance of a group of school and office sites.

SUPERVISION

General supervision is received from the Landscaping Supervisor. Intermittent work direction is exercised over Senior Gardeners, Gardeners, and Assistant Gardeners.

CLASS QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

The variety of grasses commonly used in turf and lawns in the Los Angeles area
Methods, materials, and tools used to tend and maintain turfs and lawns
Safety practices related to the operation of a tractor mower and other power gardening equipment

Ability to:

Operate and make minor repairs to gasoline or diesel-powered tractor mowers, tractor attachments and other power gardening equipment
Use proper types and proportions of fertilizers, soil amendments in the care of turfs and lawns
Recognize and diagnose problems in the condition of turf and lawns
Work within restrictive deadlines
Provide work direction effectively
Work effectively with District personnel

Special Physical Requirement:

Sufficient strength to safely lift and move tools, equipment, and materials incidental to the work
Freedom from allergies caused by common plants which might interfere with work assignments

ENTRANCE QUALIFICATIONS

Education:

Graduation from high school or equivalent evidence of educational proficiency at the high school level. Successful completion of courses in supervision, mechanics and turf grass is preferable.

Experience:

Two years of experience in maintenance gardening including sports turf maintenance and the operation and servicing of power gardening equipment.

Special:

A valid California Driver License.
Use of an automobile.

This class description is not a complete statement of essential functions, responsibilities, or requirements. Entrance requirements are representative of the minimum level of knowledge, skill, and abilities. To the extent permitted by law, management retains the discretion to add or change typical duties of a position at any time, as long as such addition or change is reasonably related to existing duties.