

## LIFEGUARD

### DEFINITION

Protects persons using a swimming pool by guarding against accidents and taking protective action in emergencies.

### TYPICAL DUTIES

Enforces regulations at a school swimming pool to prevent accidents.

Rescues persons in danger of drowning and administers cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid when necessary.

Checks air temperature and chemical content and temperature of water, and brings nonstandard conditions to the attention of persons responsible for pool maintenance.

Inspects pool equipment and reports unsanitary, hazardous, or unsafe conditions to pool supervisors or certificated personnel.

Performs minor emergency repair, maintenance, and clean-up work required to prevent accidents and to maintain maximum health conditions.

Answers inquiries and gives information to the public regarding swimming programs and special events.

Performs related duties as assigned.

### DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS AMONG RELATED CLASSES

A Lifeguard protects persons using a school swimming pool by guarding against hazards or accidents and provides rescue and first-aid services as necessary.

A Senior Swimming Instructor (Recreation) teaches swimming techniques to persons of all ages, trains new pool personnel, acts as a supervisor in the absence of the Pool Supervisor or Senior Pool Supervisor, performs lifeguard duties, and may be responsible for a therapy pool.

A Pool Custodian makes tests of swimming pool water, operates pool equipment, and performs a variety of custodial duties.

### SUPERVISION

General supervision is received from a Senior Pool Supervisor, Pool Supervisor, or certificated employee. No supervision is exercised.

### CLASS QUALIFICATIONS

#### Knowledge of:

Regulations governing the operation and use of school swimming pools

Methods of rescuing persons from water

First aid, including methods of cardiopulmonary resuscitation

Health standards and safety practices for swimming pools

Emergency procedures to obtain Fire Department Rescue Squad services

Ability to:

- Swim and apply water rescue methods, such as breaks, holds, and carries
- Remain calm in emergencies
- Remain alert and maintain focus of attention for long periods of time without being distracted
- Enforce rules and regulations and maintain discipline
- Work effectively with students, school employees, and the public
- Speak clearly and loudly enough to be heard in a noisy facility

ENTRANCE QUALIFICATIONS

Education:

Graduation from high school or evidence of equivalent educational proficiency.

Special:

Possession of valid certificates in the following areas:

1. American Red Cross - Lifeguard Training
2. American Red Cross - Water Safety Instructor
3. American Red Cross - First-Aid Basics or Community First Aid and Safety
4. An American Heart Association, American Red Cross, or recognized Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certificate in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

This class description is not a complete statement of essential functions, responsibilities, or requirements. Requirements are representative of the minimum level of knowledge, skill and/or abilities. Management retains the discretion to add or to change typical duties of the position at any time.

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