

EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

DEFINITION

Under general supervision operates power-driven grounds equipment as a regular and major assignment; services, maintains, and makes minor repairs to equipment; and performs related work as required.

LICENSE REQUIRED

Possession of a valid California class A driver's license. Incumbents required to obtain class A license at own expense within six (6) months of regular employment.

CLASS CHARACTERISTICS

Positions in this class may be assigned to operate one or more types of power-driven equipment on a regular or rotating basis. Common to all positions in this class is the operation of power-driven equipment used in the maintenance and renovation of school grounds.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

Performs skilled operation of tractors, trucks, large power mowers, sweepers, rollers, jack hammers, chippers, chain saws, compressors, cement mixers, power edgers, power trimmers, and other grounds maintenance equipment. *E*

Utilizes tractor attachments as the job demands. *E*

Services and may make repairs to the grounds equipment. *E*

Rolls, smoothes, and prepares ground for planting of lawns. *E*

Levels ground and builds mounds for athletic fields. *E*

Operates jackhammer to break up concrete. *E*

Hauls dirt, trash, and other materials. *E*

Operates chipper to grind tree limbs. *E*

Utilizes power spray rig to spray for weed and pest control. *E*

Mows lawn and fields as assigned. *E*

Sharpens lawn mowers as assigned. *E*

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES (cont.)

Performs a wide range of general groundskeeping duties. *E*

Performs related work as required.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

1. Operation, use, and maintenance of power-driven grounds equipment;
2. Safe work practices;
3. Proper methods, materials, tools, and equipment used in power-driven grounds equipment; and
4. Appropriate safety precautions and procedures.

Ability to:

1. Operate and maintain a variety of power-driven grounds equipment and tools safely and skillfully;
2. Operate a truck and grounds equipment, observing legal and defensive driving practices;
3. Perform heavy manual labor;
4. Understand and carry out oral and written instructions;
5. Establish and maintain effective relationships with those contacted in the course of work; and
6. Maintain work pace appropriate to given workload.

EDUCATION

Individuals possessing the knowledge, skills, and abilities listed above are considered to possess the necessary education.

EXPERIENCE

Experience in grounds maintenance work, including the operation of power-driven grounds equipment.

WORKING CONDITIONS

Environment:

Outdoor work environment; subject to driving a vehicle to conduct work; and fumes from vehicle and equipment operation.

Physical Abilities:

Dexterity of hands and fingers to operate power-driven grounds equipment tools; lifting heavy objects weighing up to 50 pounds; carrying, pushing or pulling items weighing up to 100 pounds; sitting for extended periods of time; reaching overhead, above the shoulders and horizontally; and bending at the waist.

Hazards:

Driving a vehicle during adverse weather conditions; and fumes, dust, odors, dirt, oil/grease, and gases.

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