

**GROUNDS EQUIPMENT OPERATOR**

**JOB SUMMARY** Under general direction, operate and maintain groundskeeping power equipment. Operate heavy construction and maintenance equipment on a recurring basis.

**TYPICAL DUTIES** Operate, with a high level of skill, heavy power-driven equipment including backhoes, motor graders, tractors, loaders, trenchers, dump truck, and riding power lawn mower. Transport equipment and other materials to job sites using a truck and trailer combination. Grade, prepare cuts and fills, and finish grading work. Operate grader to level paved surfaces in order to prepare surfaces for re-paving. Operate a backhoe in the installation of water, gas, and sewer lines, etc. install signs, poles, and other displays as required. Use tractor attachments as job requires. Perform a variety of general grounds maintenance duties including installing and repairing sprinkler systems, erecting temporary fencing, and patching or constructing asphalt or cement surfaces. Maintain records of mileage and work performed. Oil and lubricate equipment as needed. Perform other required duties as assigned.

**JOB REQUIREMENTS** Any combination of education, training, and/or experience which demonstrate ability to perform the required duties. A typical qualifying background would include graduation from high school or equivalent and three years as a groundskeeper that included heavy equipment operations at the journey level and possession of the valid licenses and/or certificates listed in the "LICENSE REQUIREMENTS" section.

**Knowledge of:** Operation and maintenance requirements of a variety of heavy power driven equipment. Application of heavy equipment used in grounds maintenance and/or repair. Practices, methods, tools, and materials used in gardening work. Safe operation and appropriate use of grounds maintenance equipment, tools, and machinery.

**Ability to:** Operate a variety of power driven equipment with a high degree of skill and independence in performing general grounds maintenance duties. Attach auxiliary pieces of equipment to power driven machinery. Perform minor maintenance on assigned equipment. Maintain thorough and accurate records. Read work drawings, plans, and blueprints. Perform heavy physical labor. Watch for, identify, and report safety hazards on school grounds and equipment.

**LICENSE** Must possess a valid California Class A driver's license and the ability to maintain qualification for district vehicle insurance coverage.

**PHYSICAL ABILITY** The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job.

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While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to use hands to finger, handle, or feel objects, tools, or controls; reach with hands and arms; and talk or hear. The employee frequently is required to walk; climb or balance; stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl; and taste or smell. The employee is occasionally required to stand.

The employee must regularly lift and/or move up to 50 pounds, frequently lift and/or move up to 100 pounds, and occasionally lift and/or move more than 100 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.

### **WORKING CONDITIONS**

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. While performing the duties of this job, the employee regularly works near moving mechanical parts and in outside weather conditions and is regularly exposed to risk of electrical shock. The employee frequently works in high, precarious places and is frequently exposed to toxic or caustic chemicals. The employee is occasionally exposed to wet and/or humid conditions and vibration.