

VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

CLASS TITLE: GROUNDS EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

BASIC FUNCTION:

Under the direction of the Grounds Supervisor, operate power grounds equipment and other related equipment to maintain District grounds and athletic fields in a clean and safe condition; service and repair assigned equipment and perform groundskeeping duties as required.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES:

Operate a variety of power grounds equipment such as large power mowers and tractors to mow lawns and large fields at District sites. **E**

Operate various machinery and vehicles used in the renovating of grounds areas and fields; fill holes and plant and remove trees. **E**

Perform preventive maintenance as necessary to assure safe operation; conduct safety inspections for playground equipment and report unsafe conditions. **E**

Coordinate schedule and participate in mowing, fertilizing, dragging and other special projects; participate in new construction projects; remove and replace water mains and sewer pipes; dig trenches for electrical, gas, water and sewer lines. **E**

Operate a variety of grounds maintenance tools, equipment and machinery including clippers, sweepers, chain saws and edgers; provide assistance to other grounds and maintenance personnel as required. **E**

Trim and prune trees; remove storm-damaged trees; climb trees using belts and ropes or other equipment; operate various saws and related tools and equipment in a safe and proper manner. **E**

Perform a variety of groundskeeping work as needed such as laying sod, assisting with irrigation system maintenance and applying herbicides, fertilizers or other chemicals according to established procedures.

Perform related duties as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES:

KNOWLEDGE OF:

Methods, materials, tools and large power equipment used in groundskeeping.
Operation and maintenance of power grounds equipment and related vehicles.
Safe operation of equipment around children.
Health and safety regulations.

Techniques of trimming and pruning trees in a safe and proper manner.

ABILITY TO:

Operate power grounds equipment and other related equipment to maintain District grounds and athletic fields in a clean and safe condition.

Perform responsible groundskeeping duties.

Operate, maintain and repair power grounds equipment and tools.

Exercise caution and be alert to children while mowing school lawns and fields.

Trim and prune trees in a safe and proper manner.

Maintain routine records and logs.

Understand and follow oral and written directions.

Establish and maintain cooperative and effective working relationships with others.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Any combination equivalent to: sufficient training and experience to demonstrate the knowledge and abilities listed above and two years groundskeeping experience including experience in the operation of power grounds equipment.

LICENSES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

Valid California driver's license.

WORKING CONDITIONS:

ENVIRONMENT:

Outdoor environment.

Adverse weather conditions.

Noise, dust, pollen and fumes.

Driving a vehicle to conduct work.

PHYSICAL ABILITIES:

Lifting moderately heavy objects.

Bending at the waist.

Pushing and pulling.

Climb ladders and trees using climbing gear and equipment.

Perform heavy physical labor.