

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE WORKER III

DEFINITION

Under general supervision, perform a variety of semi-skilled and skilled grounds maintenance functions and activities; perform skilled functions pertaining to the installation, maintenance, and repair of sprinkling and irrigation systems and external water and gas systems; and do other related work as required.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

Perform semi-skilled and skilled work pertaining to the maintenance, repair, and construction of grounds areas, fences, playgrounds, and athletic equipment and fixtures; weld, heat, and straighten metal materials using gas and electric welding processes; assist in the planning, layout, installation, maintenance, and repair of sprinkling and irrigation systems; measure, cut, thread, and install pipe, tubing, fixtures, and devices to sprinkling systems and external gas and water lines; install, adjust and maintain backflow and system control devices; perform water pressure tests and test for leaks in water and gas lines; operate heavy grounds maintenance equipment in performing grounds area smoothing, leveling, trenching, and backfill functions; may pour footings and lay bricks in the construction of retaining walls and other masonry structures; work from blueprints, diagrams, and schematics in determining task schedules and material and supply needs; may perform routine grounds maintenance functions, including mowing and edging of lawns and turf areas, pruning trees, shrubs, and hedges, and in the application of fertilizers, insecticides, and herbicides; may assist skilled maintenance personnel in facility maintenance and repair functions; drive a service vehicle to and from work sites; may coordinate the work of others.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS

KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES

Knowledge of:

Basic methods, techniques, materials, tools, and equipment used in grounds maintenance repair and construction activities;
Landscaping and horticulture, and shrub, hedge, and tree pruning procedures and techniques;
Rules, regulations, and operating procedures pertaining to the repair, maintenance, and construction of grounds areas, facilities, and equipment;
Safe working methods and procedures.

Ability to:

Skillfully utilize a variety of tools and equipment in performing grounds maintenance repair and construction activities;
Effectively work from blueprints, shop drawings, diagrams, and sketches;
Skillfully and safely operate a variety of heavy-duty grounds maintenance equipment;
Perform heavy manual functions related to grounds maintenance, groundskeeping, and gardening functions and activities;
Maintain simple records and prepare activity reports;
Relate effectively with racially and ethnically diverse staff, students, and community.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

Education:

Equivalent to completion of the twelfth grade.

Experience:

Two years of experience in the operation of large grounds equipment, tractors, trucks, and large power mowers used in performing grounds maintenance or gardening work.

REQUIRED LICENSES AND/OR CERTIFICATES

Possession of a valid and appropriate California driver's license; qualify for insurability with the District's insurance carrier.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS AND WORKING CONDITIONS

Strength:

Heavy work involving lifting, carrying, pushing, and/or pulling of objects weighing up to 100 pounds with frequent lifting or carrying of objects weighing up to 50 pounds; physical dexterity in limbs and digits to operate equipment and to perform strenuous manual labor; ability to bend, stoop, grasp, and reach.

Working Conditions:

Ability to work around plants, shrubs, and ground covers without allergic reaction. May be required to mix and apply herbicides, pesticides, and weed abatement chemicals. Work out-of-doors during inclement weather conditions.

Pre-placement Physical: Class II