

DESERT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

SENIOR GROUNDSKEEPER

BASIC FUNCTION

Under the direction of the Maintenance and Grounds Supervisor, prepare and maintain the District's athletic fields and related facilities; perform gardening duties in the maintenance of lawns and landscaped areas; provide work direction to others.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES

1. Prepare and maintain football, baseball, softball, track and soccer fields; utilize line markers, dyes, drafts and other related equipment in the preparation and maintenance of athletic fields; drag clay infields. *E*
2. Plant, cultivate, prune, spray, fertilize and irrigate flowers, trees grass and shrubs; hoe weeds, rake leaves, sweep walks, pick up debris and other related duties as needed. *E*
3. Operate a variety of power driven equipment such as tractors, trucks, weed whips, mowers, fork lifts, sweepers, earth movers, power pressure sprayers, aerators, renovators, and other mechanical equipment used in grounds maintenance work; utilize standard gardening hand tools; assure equipment is in safe operating condition. *E*
4. Install or sod new lawns; sweep lawns, sidewalks, blacktop and other athletic facility areas; clean and wash down football stadium; aerate and fertilize turf areas using special equipment. *E*
5. Perform general unskilled duties involved in repairing fences, mixing and pouring cement and other related duties; make minor repairs to athletic equipment; haul sand, dirt, sawdust and straw and distribute where needed. *E*
6. Assist in preparing various campus areas for activities and events as required; assist in moving and arranging furniture and equipment for special events.
7. Irrigate and water various grounds areas as required; remove grass from around sprinkler heads; maintain, replace and repair automatic sprinkler system components, water pipes and electric clock systems as required. *E*
8. Represent college at various meeting related to athletic field use both on and off campus. Assist with the coordination of events on the athletic fields. *E*
9. Provide work direction and guidance to others. *E*
10. Set-up gymnasium for basketball games, assemble batting cages, mark or chalk lines for events, set-up and dismantle goal posts, high jump and pole vault bars; cut out grass and re-turf after athletic events. *E*
11. Perform related duties as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES

Knowledge of: Methods, materials and equipment used in athletic field maintenance work; basic methods, materials and equipment commonly used in propagating, cultivating, pruning and caring for plants, shrubs, flowers, trees and lawns; health and safe work practices and procedures; proper and safe operation, use and routine maintenance of power-driven grounds equipment and machinery; methods, use and care of materials used in controlling pests, insects and weeds; cultivating, fertilizing, watering and spraying of flowers, trees and shrubs and weed abatement materials; proper operation of heavy grounds equipment; maintenance and repair of irrigation systems; design, installation, maintenance and repair of

irrigation systems.

Ability to: Perform responsible grounds maintenance duties involved in preparation and maintenance of District's athletic fields and related facilities; perform groundskeeping duties in the maintenance of lawns and landscaped areas; operate a variety of power equipment including tractors, mowers and other mechanical equipment used in grounds maintenance work; utilize line markers, dyes, drags and other related equipment in the preparation and maintenance of athletic fields; train and provide work direction to others; communicate effectively both orally and in writing; work cooperatively with others; work independently with little direction; meet schedules and time lines; observe health and safety regulations; lift, carry, push and pull heavy objects; bend at the waist, kneel or crouch; walk and stand for extended periods of time; climb ladders to trim trees.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

Any combination equivalent to: graduation from high school with coursework and/or training in specialized areas such as arboretum and turf grass and (3) three years experience in grounds maintenance including experience maintaining athletic fields.

LICENSES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Valid California driver's license and must have an acceptable driving record and qualify for insurability by the District's insurance carrier. Evidence of coursework and training in pesticide regulations, application and safe handling.

WORKING CONDITIONS

Environment: Outdoor work environment. Driving a vehicle to conduct work. Regular exposure to fumes and noise from equipment operation.

Hazards: Working around and with machinery having moving parts. Exposure to chemicals used in controlling pests and weed abatement.

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Bargaining Unit Position

E=Essential Functions