



## PERSONNEL COMMISSION

**Class Code: 0175**  
**Salary Range: 20 (C1)**

### GROUNDS EQUIPMENT OPERATOR I

#### JOB SUMMARY

Under immediate supervision, perform a variety of duties in the operation of power driven grounds equipment to mow, edge and maintain large athletic fields and grounds areas; service, maintain and perform minor repairs on assigned equipment; observe health and safety procedures and regulations; perform related duties as assigned.

#### EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

*The classification specification does not describe all duties performed by all incumbents within the class. This summary provides examples of typical tasks performed in this classification.*

- Operate power driven grounds equipment including large and small power mowers, power edgers, sweepers, chain saws, chippers, trenchers and others; observe health and safety procedures and regulations. ***E***
- Fill, level, roll, mound, smooth and prepare grounds for the planting of lawns and landscaping activities; fertilize and maintain assigned athletic fields; clean, sweep, drag and maintain artificial turf areas; operate related equipment. ***E***
- Plant, cultivate, prune, fertilize and irrigate flowers, trees, grass and shrubs; edge walkways; sweep litter from walks and driveways; pick up and dispose of cuttings, branches, leaves and other debris following assigned tasks. ***E***
- Check, adjust, lubricate and clean power driven grounds equipment; perform minor repairs such as adjustments and part replacements as necessary; arrange for overhauls and repairs of mechanical defects and other problems as needed. ***E***
- Operate a variety of hand and power tools and equipment; drive a District truck to transport equipment and debris. ***E***
- Maintain vehicles and equipment in a clean, safe and organized fashion according to manufacturer's specifications and District policies. ***E***
- Maintain routine records related to work orders, equipment and assigned activities. ***E***
- Perform related duties as assigned.

*Note: At the end of some of the duty statements there is an italicized "E" which identifies essential duties required of the classification. This is strictly for use in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.*

#### DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

The Grounds Equipment Operator I classification is responsible for operating a variety of power driven grounds equipment such as medium and small power mowers in the mowing, edging and maintenance of District grounds. The Grounds Equipment Operator II performs duties in the operation of a variety of heavy grounds equipment involved in District grounds construction and maintenance activities.

**EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS**

**Knowledge of:**

Operation of a variety of power driven equipment used in grounds maintenance including medium and small power mowers, power edgers, sweepers, chain saws, chippers, trenchers and others.

Methods, supplies and tools used in caring for landscaped areas.

Operation of hand and power tools and equipment.

Health and safety regulations as established by the State Education Code and District.

Proper lifting techniques.

Oral and written communication skills.

Basic record-keeping techniques.

**Ability to:**

Perform a variety of duties in the operation of power driven grounds equipment to mow, edge and maintain large athletic fields and grounds areas.

Service, maintain and perform minor repairs on assigned equipment.

Operate hand and power tools and equipment including large and small power mowers, power edgers, sweepers, chain saws, chippers, trenchers and others.

Communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

Understand and follow oral and written instructions.

Perform heavy physical labor.

Observe health and safety regulations as established by the State Education Code and District.

Maintain routine records.

**Education and Training:**

Graduation from high school.

**Experience:**

One year experience operating and performing routine maintenance on various types of power groundskeeping equipment, including riding mowers, edgers and dump trucks or one year as a Groundskeeper in the Long Beach Unified School District.

Any other combination of training and/or experience that could likely provide the desired skills, knowledge or abilities may be considered.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

Valid California Class C driver's license.

Applicants for this classification will be required to obtain and submit, at his/her own expense, his/her current motor vehicle driving record at the time of appointment. The record must meet and be maintained at the District's safe driving standard. Failure to meet this requirement will result in the disqualification and/or rejection of the applicant regardless of any other standing.

**WORKING ENVIRONMENT**

Outdoor work environment. Seasonal heat and cold or adverse weather conditions. Exposure to fumes, dust, odors, oil/grease, gases. Driving a District truck to conduct work. Subject to noise and fumes from equipment operation. Working around and with machinery having moving parts. Working at heights.

**PHYSICAL DEMANDS**

Dexterity of hands and fingers to operate heavy equipment. Bending at the waist, kneeling, stooping or crouching. Reaching overhead, above the shoulders and horizontally. Lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling heavy objects (39 pounds or more) as assigned by position. Seeing to perform grounds work. Heavy physical labor.

*AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT*

Persons with certain disabilities may be capable of performing the essential duties of this class with or without reasonable accommodation, depending on the nature of the disability.

**APPOINTMENT**

In accordance with Education Code Section 45301, an employee appointed to this class must serve a probationary period of six (6) months during which time an employee must demonstrate at least an overall satisfactory performance. Failure to do so shall result in the employee's termination.

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