

SENIOR GARDENER

DEFINITION

Performs individually or in a group of employees engaged in the maintenance and beautification of grounds and other landscaped areas.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Supervision is received by the Grounds Supervisor and Maintenance and Operations Supervisor.

May provide work direction to student workers.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

May lead a crew and/or participate in the work activities of grounds personnel engaged in the landscaping of grounds and surrounding buildings, including the planting of trees, shrubs, grass, flowers, and other decorative plants, the watering, fertilizing, weeding, and mowing of lawns, and the pruning of trees.

Participates in the installation and maintenance of new lawns, and related shrubbery, trees, and grasses to be planted.

Sees that proper methods are being followed and standards maintained.

Oversees the marking of athletic fields.

Assists in maintaining sprinkler systems.

Requisitions materials and supplies.

Provides work direction and training to student workers.

Verifies time sheets for student workers.

Performs related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

Methods, materials, and equipment used in various grounds maintenance activities.

Methods of preparing soils for planting.

Varieties of fertilizers and their proper usages.

Plant and tree diseases, pests common to the area, and methods used in their control.

Varieties of insecticides and their proper usages.

Tools and methods used in marking athletic fields.

QUALIFICATIONS (continued)

Ability to:

Train and provide work direction to others.

Maintain simple records.

Follow oral and written instructions.

Establish and maintain effective relationships with others.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS

Minimum Qualifications:

Any combination equivalent to completion of the tenth grade.

Three years of experience in grounds maintenance work.