

**HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR**

**DEFINITION**

Under general supervision, to safely and skillfully operate large and medium sized power equipment; to perform general grounds maintenance and to lead a crew as needed.

**EXAMPLES OF DUTIES**

*The following duties are typical for this classification. Incumbents may not perform all of the listed duties and/or may be required to perform additional or different duties from those set forth below to address business needs and changing business practices.*

1. Operates a tractor, dump truck, skid loader, backhoe, and other grounds equipment.
2. Digs, fills, levels, and prepares ground.
3. Drives a vehicle with trailer attachment transporting heavy duty grounds maintenance equipment to and from work sites.
4. Loads and unloads equipment from a trailer.
5. Adjusts, services, and makes minor repairs to equipment.
6. Reviews blueprints and plans before digging.
7. Performs general grounds maintenance as needed.
8. Evaluates equipment and obtains price information on repairs, parts, and services.
9. Orders, issues, and maintains inventory of grounds equipment and supplies.
10. Coordinates with supervisor to complete projects.
11. Performs other related duties as required.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

**Knowledge of:**

Operation, use, and maintenance of heavy duty grounds maintenance equipment; methods, procedures, materials, and tools used in grounds maintenance; safe working methods and procedures.

**Ability to:**

Skillfully and safely operate and maintain large grounds equipment and use a variety of grounds maintenance and gardening tools; perform heavy manual labor; read blueprints and plans; maintain inventory of supplies; work independently within an assigned work schedule; provide leadership to a crew; understand and carry out oral and written instructions; establish and maintain cooperative working relationships; comply with the District's customer service standards, as outlined in Board policy.

**Education/Experience:**

Any combination equivalent to: Formal or informal education or training that ensures the ability to read and write at a level necessary for successful job performance; and three years experience in the operation of large and medium sized power driven grounds equipment.

**License/Certificate Requirement:**

Possession of a valid California Class A Driver's License. Subject to mandatory pre-employment drug testing and random testing following appointment.

**PHYSICAL DEMANDS AND WORKING ENVIRONMENT**

*The conditions herein are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential job functions.*

**Environment:** Work is performed primarily in an outdoor setting, with exposure to all types of weather and temperature conditions, noise, dust, grease, fumes, and potentially hazardous chemicals.

**Physical:** Primary functions require sufficient physical ability and mobility to work in a field setting; lift, carry, push, and pull heavy objects; bend, stoop, twist, squat, and reach; verbally communicate to exchange information.

**Vision:** See in the normal visual range with or without correction.

**Hearing:** Hear in the normal audio range with or without correction.