SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

POSITION DESCRIPTION

TITLE: Lead Landscape Technician
REPORTS TO: Assigned Supervisor

DEPARTMENT: Maintenance and Operations
CLASSIFICATION: Classified

FLSA: Non-Exempt or Exempt
SALARY GRADE: 036 OSS

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BASIC FUNCTION:
Organize, train, direct, and work with Landscape Technicians I and II and other staff in the performance of a variety of landscape maintenance functions

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES: (Incumbents may perform any combination of the essential functions shown below. This position description is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all duties, knowledge, or abilities associated with this classification, but is intended to accurately reflect the principal job elements.)

E = Essential Functions

Coordinate and assign work to crews of Landscape Technicians I and II and other staff, provide on-the-job training of landscape crew, oversee weekend general cleanup work performed by those convicted of a minor crime and assigned by the courts to provide community service for the district. E

Confer with site administrators and others regarding landscaping related needs and problems. E

Plant grass and shrubbery; maintain trees, turf and athletic fields. E

Water, mow, and edge lawns; fertilize, spray and prune, inspect planted areas for evidence of pests and weeds. E

Inform supervisors of weeds and pest invasion. E

Check and adjust sprinkler heads and equipment, repair and may modify or install irrigation systems. E

Maintain time sheets of assigned landscape crew. E

Drive a small truck to transport crews, materials, and equipment; operate, clean and repair power and other landscape maintenance equipment. E

Prepare requisitions for supplies and equipment as needed, maintain pesticide spray and other records. E

Respond to after-hour irrigation or other landscaping emergencies unrelated to plumbing. E

Perform or assign special duties or services for staff and others as required. E

May assist in scheduling of landscaping crew for assigned region.

Perform related duties as assigned.
MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:
Any combination of education, training, or experience equivalent to two years of recent full time, paid experience in gardening, landscaping, or nursery work, one year of which must have been in gardening work for the district.

LICENSES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:
Possession of a valid California driver’s license.
May be required to obtain a Qualified Applicator Certificate Category “B,” issued through the State of California Department of Agriculture.

KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES:

KNOWLEDGE OF:
Horticultural species and their care.
Landscape design and maintenance.
Landscape maintenance methods, tools, power equipment, and materials.
The operation and maintenance of irrigation systems and controllers.
General safety procedures and practices including the proper use of pesticides and herbicides
Reading and writing English communication skills.

ABILITY TO:
Establish and maintain effective working relationships with others.
Plan and organize work.
Meet schedules and time lines.
Maintain records.
Direct the work of others.

WORKING CONDITIONS:

ENVIRONMENT:
Outdoor setting, working around various landscaping equipment and tools.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:
Strength and stamina sufficient to maintain a vigorous work schedule requiring continuous and heavy physical exertion; hearing and speaking to exchange information; seeing to read, prepare, and proofread documents; standing for extended periods of time; dexterity of hands and fingers to operate equipment; kneeling, bending at the waist, and reaching overhead, above the shoulders and horizontally to perform assigned duties; lifting heavy objects.