

GROUNDSKEEPER

Basic Function

To oversee and assist in the care and maintenance of designated campus grounds areas and athletic grounds areas.

Characteristic Duties And Responsibilities

- Care and maintenance of designated campus grounds areas and athletic fields such as football lacrosse, rugby, soccer game and practice fields, baseball and softball diamonds, tracks, and tennis courts.
- Measuring, layout and marking with field paint and/or chalk all athletic fields such as football, lacrosse, rugby, soccer game and practice fields; baseball and softball diamonds; and track field events.
- Grading, seeding, rolling, aerating, topdressing and sodding of athletic grounds areas.
- Mowing of grass, weeding, operating and repairing of manual irrigation system, and application of sprays to grounds areas.
- Operation and maintenance of power equipment.
- Moving, delivering and relocating furniture and other items as required.
- Cleaning and repairing of athletic areas after athletic events.
- Care and cleaning of tools, equipment, materials, and supplies.
- Instruct co-workers in work methods and processes in areas which you possess expertise.
- Identify, recommend and/or remedy problems specific to athletic fields including, but not limited to, infill fields, clay mounds and home plate areas, pitching circles, goal mouths, warning tracks, sand pits, track surfaces and tennis courts.
- Identify and/or recommend solutions for turfgrass problems in the areas of turfgrass diseases, insect problems, and weed management.

Related Duties

Perform related duties as assigned including, but not necessarily limited to, the following:

- Perform routine grading, packing, and rolling operations.
- Seed topdress and sod worn grass areas.
- Operate trucks, tractors, mowers, weed-wackers and related equipment for the maintenance of grounds areas district wide.
- Participate in the snow removal plan by shoveling, salting, sanding, and operating snow removal vehicles and equipment.
- Understand and diagnose various turfgrass issues.

Supervision Received

Supervision is received from the Grounds Foreman.

Minimum Qualifications

- Two years satisfactory experience as a Groundskeeper or an equivalent combination of technical training and experience is necessary.
- Working knowledge of the tools, methods, and materials used in grounds maintenance.
- Possession of a valid Michigan vehicle operator's license.
- Frequent lifting of 26 to 75 pounds and occasional lifting of over 75 pounds is required.
- Possession of sports and commercial turf management certificate or the equivalent or be currently enrolled in a 2 or 4 year turfgrass management program
- Knowledge of turf grass diseases, insect problems, weed-management.
- Possession of or attainment prior to completion of applicable probation period Michigan Pesticide Applicators Certificate in categories Core, 3A, and 6.
- Possession of or attainment prior to completion of applicable probation period a Fork Lift Operators Permit.

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