CHICO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GROUND PREP HELPER

DEFINITION
Under supervision of the Principal designee and direction of the Senior Grounds Worker, to maintain grounds in competitive playing condition for track, field, softball and baseball and to prepare fields for activities planned.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED Exercises no supervision.

EXAMPLES OF IMPORTANT AND ESSENTIAL DUTIES
- Mow, edge and trim play fields, tracks, ball diamonds, jumping pits, discus rings, and athletic fields.
- Operate, maintain and service gardening and grounds maintenance equipment, including tractor used for dragging fields, power lawn mowers, edgers, trimmers, hand mowers, shears, sprayers.
- Pick up glass, papers, and other debris from the field prior to and after an event and empty trash cans as filled.
- Clean grass and dirt from around and inside drains to insure proper drainage.
- Spray weed killer and water.
- Line and drag tracks, fields and ball diamonds.
- Set up equipment/materials such as scoring tables, bleachers, home plate, pitcher’s rubber, flagging for long jump approach, etc. for events as needed.
- Burn in and maintain lines along the long jump approach and in the discus throwing sector.
- Perform related duties and responsibilities as assigned.

JOB RELATED AND ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS
Knowledge of:
- Hand and power tools and equipment used in grounds maintenance work and field preparation.
- Occupational hazards and standard safety practices necessary in the area of grounds maintenance.
- Safe driving principles and practices.

Skill to:
- Operate a tractor used for dragging fields.
- Line and burn lines for field events and ball games.
- Set up, prepare and maintain playing fields and tracks for athletic events.
- Operate a motor vehicle safely.
- Apply sprays used for weed killer safely.

Ability to:
- Learn and correctly interpret and apply the policies, procedures, laws, codes and regulations pertaining to assigned programs and functions.
- Learn to perform the full range of grounds maintenance duties and tasks.
- Service and maintain all types of grounds equipment.
- Perform heavy manual work for extended periods of time in all types of weather.
- Understand and follow oral and written instructions.
- Establish, maintain and foster positive and harmonious working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.
Experience and Training Guidelines:
Any combination equivalent to experience and training that would provide the required knowledge, skills and abilities would be qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge, skills and abilities would be:

Experience:
. Some grounds maintenance and gardening experience which included the use of power driven heavy equipment.

Training:
. Formal or informal education or training which ensures the ability to read and write at a level necessary for successful job performance.

License or Certificate:
. Possess an appropriate, valid driver's license.

Special Requirements:
Essential duties require the following physical skills and work environment:
. Ability to sit, stand, walk, kneel, crouch, stoop, squat, twist, climb and lift 50 lbs.; exposure to noise, outdoors, vibration, chemicals, mechanical hazards and electrical hazards; ability to travel to different sites and locations.

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