VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

CLASSIFICATION TITLE: GROUNDS EQUIPMENT OPERATOR-MECHANIC

BASIC FUNCTION:

Under the direction of the Grounds Supervisor, operate and maintain power driven gardening equipment to mow lawns on an assigned campus; perform regular preventive maintenance work on grounds equipment; maintain grounds equipment in a safe and operative condition.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:

Incumbents in this classification work at least 70 percent of the average work week in the operation, repair and maintenance of grounds equipment. While other grounds maintenance personnel may operate equipment, incumbents in this classification are the lead operators of major grounds equipment and tractors and are accountable for the maintenance and repair of grounds equipment.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES:

Operate a variety of grounds maintenance equipment including tractors, gang mowers, riding mowers, push mowers and street sweepers. E

Perform minor and major mechanical repairs on grounds equipment, including tractors, mowers and other power driven equipment. E

Perform minor tune-ups on power driven equipment; service mechanical equipment and perform minor tune-ups and repair work on a variety of engines. E

Perform repairs on mowers as required, including blades, reels, belts, bearings and other items. E

Mow assigned lawn areas utilizing a variety of mechanical equipment; provide work direction and guidance to others who operate major grounds equipment. E

Perform a variety of other grounds maintenance duties including assisting in sprinkler repair, mowing, edging, trimming and repair of concrete and asphalt grounds. E

Perform related grounds duties as assigned.
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KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES:

KNOWLEDGE OF:

- Hydraulic systems utilized in power driven grounds equipment
- Basic knowledge of combustion engines as applied to grounds equipment
- Reel and rotary mower principles and repair techniques
- Equipment repair methods for a variety of grounds equipment including gang mowers, street sweepers and other power-driven grounds equipment
- Health and safety regulations
- Reading and writing communication skills
- Technical aspects of field of specialty

ABILITY TO:

- Read and understand operating manuals for a variety of grounds equipment
- Adjust cutting units to assure proper balance
- Recognize different types of lawns to assure proper cutting methods
- Understand and follow oral and written directions
- Work cooperatively with others
- Work independently with little direction
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with others
- Meet schedules and time lines
- Train and provide work direction to others

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Any combination equivalent to: sufficient training and experience to demonstrate the knowledge and abilities listed above and two years experience in grounds maintenance or gardening work including at least one year of experience in repair and maintenance of gasoline engines.

LICENSES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

- A valid California driver's license

WORKING CONDITIONS:

ENVIRONMENT:

- Outdoor environment; subject to adverse weather conditions, and driving a vehicle to conduct work
PHYSICAL ABILITIES:

Lifting engines and equipment weighing up to 50 pounds, heavy physical labor involved in concrete and asphalt work, bending, kneeling, pulling, and dexterity of hands and fingers to operate power tools and equipment.

HAZARDS:

Working around gasoline powered engines, working around mowing blades, working around and with machinery having moving parts, and working around pesticides and herbicides.