

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

JOB DESCRIPTION

CLASS TITLE: Fertilizer Equipment Operator/Spreader

JOB CODE: 7024

DEPARTMENT: Maintenance and Operations

PAY GRADE: 19 (B4)

DATE: 03/02/01

BASIC OBJECTIVES

This is skilled maintenance work applying fertilizers and herbicides to lawns, athletic fields, and grounds surrounding and adjacent to school and other MDCPS facilities, to promote growth and control weeds. The work involves the operation of commercial tractors equipped with spreader/spray attachments and medium-duty trucks with trailers to transport equipment to and from job sites. The work is performed under the general direction of the Foreperson - Grounds and requires the exercise of extreme care and caution in the mixing and handling of fertilizers and herbicides.

JOB TASKS/RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Operates medium-duty trucks and tractors with mechanical attachments to load, transport, and spread chemicals, fertilizers and herbicides to lawns, athletic fields and schools or facility grounds.
2. Unloads, attaches and adjusts mechanical spreader to appropriate settings for effective coverage.
3. Attaches aerating disks to tractor as required and follows similar spreading pattern to improve soil condition.
4. Spreads weed killer along fences, around trees and bushes using hand bag, accounting for quantities of materials utilized; mixes liquid chemicals, and adjusts spray as needed.
5. Washes and cleans equipment and maintains work records; checks equipment for proper operating condition, informing foreperson of any malfunction or complication.
6. Cleans and performs routine maintenance on assigned vehicles, equipment, and accessories such as changing belts, checking gas, oil, battery, and general operating condition.
7. Follows general instructions, standard practices and procedures and all established driving, operating and safety rules and regulations to operate equipment.
8. Performs related work as required or as assigned.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

This is heavy work which requires the following physical activities: climbing, bending, reaching, sitting, walking, lifting, grasping, repetitive motions and visual acuity. The worker is exposed to hazards, atmospheric conditions and oils. The work is performed outdoors.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Completion of eighth grade and demonstrated ability to read, write and understand written instructions. High school diploma or equivalent is preferred.
2. Experience operating medium-duty trucks and commercial farm type tractors.
3. Some experience handling and mixing chemicals, fertilizers, and herbicides.
4. Possession of a valid Florida CDL Class A driver's license.
5. Satisfactory completion of a physical examination prior to hire date.

NOTE: This is an Omnibus transportation Employees Testing Act (OTETA) monitored position. Employees with this job description may be required to drive or road test a motor vehicle weighing over 26,000 pounds, transport 16 or more persons, or carry hazardous materials.

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