

TURF MANAGER
(Albany School District)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under supervision of the City School District of Albany Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, the incumbent is responsible for directing and supervising daily activities of grounds-keeping staff, along with maintaining the overall conditions of the grounds. Additionally, the incumbent must implement a seasonal schedule to ensure proper growth of trees, shrubs, and athletic fields.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only)

- Evaluates, constructs, and sustains (mow, groom, contour) overall conditions of grounds including: turf, trees, plants, shrubs, planter areas, and athletic fields; and determine work needed such as: trimming, fertilizing, weeding, and irrigation;
- Organizes, coordinates, and serves as lead for crews to include determination of job assignments, monitoring work, and ensuring safety;
- Directs and supervises and participates in the daily activities of grounds-keeping staff to meet seasonal and departmental objectives;
- Creates and implements a seasonal schedule to ensure proper growth, germination, and maintenance of District turf, trees, plants, shrubs, planter areas, and athletic fields;
- Assists with grounds maintenance in operating heavy equipment such as: backhoes, dump trucks, bobcats, trenchers, and other heavy equipment;
- Assists with the installation, repair, maintenance, and preparation of sports fields for use including: irrigation, fertilization, mowing, aerating, weeding, leveling, and lining;
- Assists in the installation and maintenance of structures such as: fences, gates, barriers, signs, picnic tables, and athletic support facilities;
- Inspects, repairs, and operates automatic sprinkler control systems;
- Inspects, repairs, and documents conditions of playground equipment;
- Performs other duties to support the mission of the City School District of Albany, as assigned;
- Enters and retrieves information in an automated information system;
- Performs related work as required.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

- Good knowledge of landscape design or construction, material selection, and installation of materials;
- Good knowledge of turf grass operations;
- Good knowledge of design, operation, and repair of irrigation systems;
- Good knowledge of personal computers and office equipment;

- Ability to operate heavy equipment;
- Flexibility to change shift-times on a seasonal basis;
- Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- A. Graduation from a regionally accredited or NYS registered college or one accredited by the NYS Board of Regents to grant degrees with an Associate's Degree or higher in Landscape Development, Turfgrass Management or related field and 3 years full time paid experience in landscape design, commercial or educational turf management, one year of which was in a supervisory capacity; **OR**
- B. Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and five (5) years experience as described in (A) above; **OR**
- C. An equivalent combination of training and experience as defined by the limits of (A) and (B) above.

NOTE:

Current NYS Pesticide Applicator's License is required at the time of appointment and for the duration of employment.

A valid NYS Driver's License is required at the time of appointment and for the duration of employment.

SPECIAL NOTE : Ability to secure a Playground Inspector license within 6 months of employment.