Martinez Unified School District
Classified Job Description

Gardener
12 Months/Year

Definition
Under general supervision, to perform routine gardening and grounds keeping work and to do related work as required.

Example of Duties
- Maintains grounds and landscaped areas by planting, and caring for plants, shrubs, trees, and turf areas;
- Prunes trees, shrubs, and hedges;
- Plants, waters, and mows lawns;
- Uses fertilizer as needed; sprays for the control of pests and plant diseases;
- Prepares soil for various kinds of planting;
- Transplants trees and shrubs; cleans water drains;
- Removes weeds; rakes leaves;
- Picks up debris from grounds and pavement; installs and repairs sprinkler systems;
- Operates equipment, including power lawn mowers, light trucks and dump trucks, small tractors, sprayers, rototillers, and others; and
- As required, performs general grounds keeping duties and may be assigned custodial or routine maintenance work during inclement weather.

Desirable Qualifications

Knowledge of:
- Approved methods of planting, propagating, and caring for trees, shrubs, lawns, and flowers;
- Gardening materials, tools and equipment; and
- The more common plant diseases and insect pests and the approved methods and materials used in controlling and eradicating them.

Ability to:
- Perform general gardening and grounds keeping work;
- Repair and maintain gardening tools and equipment;
- Perform heavy manual labor;
- Understand and carry out oral and written directions; and
- Establish and maintain cooperative working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Experience
One year of experience in gardening, grounds maintenance or related work.

Education
Equivalent to the completion of the twelfth grade.

License
Possession of a valid California Motor Vehicle Operator's License is required.
Possession of a valid California Qualified Applicator Certificate (Category B)