

16.05.23 WCTA Employment Networking Service - 1 posting

St. George's School

Position: Sports Turf Specialist (Full-time, permanent

Department: Grounds

Reports to: Head of Grounds

Start date: ASAP

Closing Date: May 30, 2023

The Sports Turf Specialist works with the Grounds team to maintain and enhance all exterior areas of the St. George's School properties, but applies special attention to the turf grass athletic fields (three) between the two campuses. This is a full time, year-round position. The starting wage is dependent on skill set and experience and the school's goal is to provide a 'living wage' to the individual awarded the position, as well as our full benefits package.

In order to provide the best possible learning environment for our highly diverse, multicultural student population, St. George's actively seeks to recruit staff from groups that have been traditionally underrepresented in independent and international schools. BIPoC and 2SLGBTQ+ people and those with disabilities are warmly encouraged to apply, and invited to reach out for more information about our commitment to pluralism.

Qualifications will include:

- 2 years' experience managing turf grass.
- Horticultural soft and hard landscaping experience an asset.
- Irrigation system experience.
- Turf related machinery, tractor and implement experience.
- Mechanical aptitude.
- Pesticide applicators license preferred.
- High level of physical energy.
- Ability to lift 50 lbs.
- Ability to multi-task.
- Ability to work as part of a team and independently.
- Strong organizational and records keeping abilities.
- Strong interpersonal skills.
- Demonstrated professionalism.
- Commitment to an independent school work environment.
- Current Class 5 or higher BC Driver's License.
- Key competencies and EQ in the following areas: self-awareness, self-management, empathy, social expertness, initiative, and accountability.

Responsibilities will include:

- Being an effective member of a cohesive team of grounds professionals.
- Adhering to guidelines and policies relating to grounds use and management.
- Responsible for the maintenance of sports field turf: top dressing, seeding, fertilizing, mowing, aerating, edging, weed control, watering.
- Perform line painting on sports fields for sports events.
- Schedule and maintain irrigation systems.
- Helps support the maintenance of machinery and equipment.
- Develop and implement IPM strategies.
- Adheres to Works Safe BC standards.
- Rotating on-call weekend snow removal throughout the winter.
- Performing seasonal work such as raking leaves, pruning, clearing snow, salting and sanding and general Grounds duties.
- Any other activities as directed by the Head of Grounds.

This is an exciting opportunity that offers the following:

- Competitive wage
- Benefits package including extended health and dental, pension program, life insurance and long-term disability (after 3 months)
- Professional development opportunities
- Meal program
- Sustainable commuting program
- Translink subsidy
- Gym/Pool onsite
- EFAP counselling program
- Regular health & wellness initiatives

Interested applicants should email a cover letter and resume to: careers@stgeorges.bc.ca