

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Human Resources Division

Class Description
LIFEGUARD
(UNCLASSIFIED)

Job Purpose

Protects persons using a swimming pool by guarding against hazards or accidents and taking protective action in emergencies; provides rescue and first-aid services as necessary.

Reports to

General supervision is received from a Senior Pool Supervisor, Pool Supervisor, or certificated employee.

Subordinates

No supervision is exercised.

Typical Duties

1. Enforces regulations at a school swimming pool to prevent accidents.
2. Rescues persons in danger of drowning and administers cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid when necessary.
3. Checks air temperature, chemical content, and temperature of water, and brings nonstandard conditions to the attention of persons responsible for pool maintenance.
4. Inspects pool equipment and reports unsanitary, hazardous, or unsafe conditions to pool supervisors or certificated personnel.
5. Performs minor emergency repair, maintenance, and clean-up work required to prevent accidents and to maintain maximum health conditions.
6. Answers inquiries and gives information to the public regarding swimming programs and special events.
7. Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications

Knowledge, Skills, Abilities, and Personal Characteristics

1. Knowledge of regulations governing the operation and use of school swimming pools.
2. Knowledge of methods of rescuing persons from water.
3. Knowledge of first aid, including methods of cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).
4. Knowledge of health standards and safety practices for swimming pools.
5. Knowledge of emergency procedures to obtain Fire Department Rescue Squad services.
6. Knowledge of school site Emergency Action Plan (EAP).
7. Ability to swim and apply water rescue methods, such as breaks, holds, and carries.
8. Ability to remain calm in emergencies.
9. Ability to remain alert and maintain focus of attention for long periods of time without being distracted.
10. Ability to enforce rules and regulations and maintain discipline.
11. Ability to work effectively with students, school employees, and the public.
12. Ability to speak clearly and loudly enough to be heard in a noisy facility.

Education

Graduation from high school or evidence of equivalent educational proficiency.

Health

Physical and mental fitness to engage in supervision of students as certified by a licensed physician and surgeon or medical officer pursuant to Education Code Section 44839 and evidence of freedom from active tuberculosis pursuant to Education Code Section 49406.

Special Requirements

1. Possession of valid certificates in the following areas:
 - a. American Red Cross - Lifeguard Training
 - b. American Red Cross - First-Aid Certification
 - c. An American Heart Association, American Red Cross, or recognized Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certificate in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillator (AED).
2. Annual Bloodborne Pathogen training (new employees must complete prior to employment).

This class description is not a complete statement of essential functions and responsibilities. The District retains the discretion to add or change typical duties of a position at any time.

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