

SENIOR AUTOMOTIVE MECHANIC

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This position exists in a school district and involves responsibility for performance of a variety of complex automotive repair tasks requiring a thorough knowledge of the trade. This class differs from that of Automotive Mechanic by virtue of the more complex and technical nature of repairs performed along with supervision exercised over the work of other Mechanics. The work is performed under general supervision of a higher-level Automotive Mechanic or Transportation Supervisor, who makes work assignments and set priorities in accordance with established policy and procedure. Super-vision is exercised over the work of subordinate Automotive Mechanics and Automotive Mechanic Helpers. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only)

Maintains and repairs gasoline and diesel equipment such as automobiles, trucks and school buses;

Maintains and repairs braking systems and drive lines;

Uses diagnostic testers to determine malfunction of systems and parts;

Assigns repair tasks to Automotive Mechanics and inspects work in progress and upon completion;

Diagnoses difficult automotive problems and recommends repair methods;

Provides supportive service to the school bus maintenance program by repair and road testing of school buses in conformance with Department of Transportation requirements;

Sets up and operates machine shop equipment such as drum lathes, drill presses, boring bars, brake relining riveters and other metal working equipment;

Performs frame and body welding and related painting activities;

Performs metal fabricating to cover damaged parts on vehicles;

Maintains and repairs comfort, electrical and safety systems on school buses;

Performs complex and technically difficult overhauls, tune-ups, and repairs to automotive equipment;

Supervises and repairs a variety of mechanical and electrical equipment such as lawn mowers, snow blowers, etc.;

Instructs Automotive Mechanics in difficult or unusual repairs;

Aids Automotive Mechanics in diagnosing needed repairs;

Aids in scheduling future maintenance activities;

Repairs and maintains suspension and steering systems;

Performs duties of Head Automotive Mechanic as needed in the absence of the incumbent.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL

CHARACTERISTICS: Thorough knowledge of gasoline and diesel powered automotive equipment repair methods and techniques; thorough knowledge of terminology, tools and accident precautions associated with automotive maintenance; good knowledge of machine shop procedures and operation of machinery; ability to make difficult or complex automotive repairs; ability to diagnose mechanical, electrical and hydraulic defects in equipment; ability to instruct and supervise subordinate mechanics; manual dexterity.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Either:

- (A) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or technical school with an Associate Degree in automotive mechanical technology or a closely related field **AND** one (1) year of experience in the maintenance and repair of automotive equipment; **OR**
- (B) Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma **AND** three (3) years of experience in the maintenance and repair of automotive equipment; **OR**
- (C) Five (5) years of experience in the maintenance and repair of automotive equipment; **OR**
- (D) An equivalent combination of training and experience, as defined by the limits of (A) through (C) above.

NOTE: Verifiable part-time experience will be pro-rated toward meeting full-time experience requirements.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Possession of a valid, appropriate level motor vehicle license at time of appointment.