

Job Description: Sports Turf Management Specialist (Seasonal)

Purpose of Position

The Sport Turf Management Specialist works collaboratively with the Property Department and Athletic Department of Des Moines Christian School to oversee and maintain the school's grass and turf sports fields.

Des Moines Christian School (DMC) is a beautiful 28-acre campus nestled in the heart of Urbandale, Iowa. Facilities include an all turf football and soccer facility, 8-lane all weather track, and two grass baseball and softball complexes. DMC has almost 1300 students (from early education through 12th grade) and competes as a Class 2A/3A member school of the IAHSAA/IGHSAU. Summer activities include baseball for grades 9-12 and softball for grades 7-12. Multiple summer camps and enrichment programs are also hosted throughout the summer months.

Position:

- Full-time, 30 to 40 hours per week, based upon schedule of athletic games
- Seasonal (appx. April through August 1)
- Nonexempt, hourly

Reports To: Director of Facilities and Property

Evaluated By: Director of Facilities and Property

Direct Reports: None

Qualifications:

- High School Diploma or GED.
- Experience in turf management or in pursuit of a turfgrass management degree preferred.
- In agreement with the Des Moines Christian School (DMCS) Statement of Faith.
- Active member/regular attendee of Bible believing church and committed to growth in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Must be able to stand or walk for up to eight hours per shift, frequent heavy lifting of 50 pounds, climbing, stooping, bending, kneeling and reaching.
- Possesses basic computer skills to use email and facilities electronic request system.

Professional Profile:

- Demonstrated commitment to the mission of DMCS: *Equipping minds and nurturing hearts to impact the world for Christ.*
- Characterized with integrity and maintains confidentiality
- Utilizes critical thinking and problem solving skills.
- Energized by fast-paced work.
- Ability to manage multiple tasks and projects at the same time.
- Demonstrates ability to work collaboratively with other departments.
- Demonstrates effective verbal and written communication skills.
- Committed to providing a positive customer experience.

Responsibilities:

- Baseball / softball - prepares grass fields for practices and game day - including mowing, dragging, chalking, game day prep, and field repair.
- Football field - maintains turf field and track repair.
- Works in collaboration with baseball/softball coaches regarding miscellaneous needs and upkeep.

- Works in collaboration with Emerald Landscape Management (which is owned by an Iowa State graduate) to administer fertilizer applications, turf seeding and repair, and irrigation management and repair.
- Is available in the event of inclement weather for additional preparation that may be required to get the field ready for play.
- Assists with field security and safety by making sure gates are locked/secured, field surface is safe and meets requirements etc.
- Other duties as assigned.