

PIANO TECHNICIAN

DEFINITION

Rebuilds, restores, repairs, regulates, and tunes pianos.

TYPICAL DUTIES

Rebuilds, restores, adjusts, regulates, and repairs pianos.

Tunes pianos to standard and concert specifications and tunes several pianos in unison.

Replaces parts such as strings, hammers, dampers, keys, pedals, flanges, bridle straps, and felts. Regulates the playing action, damper action, and pedal systems individually and to each other.

Repairs cases, fall boards, music racks, lids, legs, and prop sticks.

Estimates labor and material costs for rebuilding, restoring, repairing, regulating, and tuning.

Recommends replacement of pianos.

Evaluates new and used pianos for purchase and donations.

Evaluates delivered pianos for compliance with specifications and recommends approval of invoices.

May enter and retrieve work orders using computers or other peripheral equipment.

Performs related duties as assigned.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS AMONG RELATED CLASSES

A Piano Technician repairs, tunes, and adjusts pianos at assigned schools and overhauls, rebuilds, and performs major repairs in a central repair shop.

The Musical Instrument Repair Supervisor plans, organizes, and is responsible for the operation of the Musical Instrument Repair Shop and supervises personnel in the repair of musical instruments, including pianos.

A Musical Instrument Repair Assistant assists in the repair, overhaul, and adjustment of musical instruments, and repairs carrying cases, music stands, and related equipment.

SUPERVISION

General supervision is received from the Musical Instrument Repair Supervisor and work direction is received from a Senior Musical Instrument Technician. Work direction may be exercised over a Musical Instrument Repair Assistant.

CLASS QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

Construction of pianos, and methods, materials, and tools used in rebuilding, restoring, repairing, regulating, and tuning pianos

Pertinent safety orders issued by the California Division of Industrial Safety and safety practices related to musical instrument repair

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Ability to:

- Use hand and power tools, including drills and saws
- Tune several pianos in unison
- Read and understand instrument manuals and parts catalogs
- Make computations of labor and parts costs
- Keep legible records
- Work effectively with District personnel
- Operate a computer and peripheral equipment

Special Physical Requirements:

- Auditory acuity as required to inspect and tune pianos to meet specifications
- Manual dexterity as required to make repairs of small items and operate machines
- Visual acuity as required to inspect, repair, and evaluate pianos and organs
- Safely lift and carry items weighing up to 100 pounds

ENTRANCE QUALIFICATIONS

Education:

Graduation from high school or evidence of equivalent educational proficiency.

Experience:

Four years of experience in rebuilding, repairing, and tuning a variety of pianos.

Special:

A valid driver's license to legally operate a motor vehicle in the State of California and the use of a motor vehicle.

The class description is not a complete statement of essential functions, responsibilities, or requirements. Entrance requirements are representative of the minimum level of knowledge, skill, and /or abilities. To the extent permitted by law, management retains the discretion to add or change typical duties of a position at any time, as long as such addition or change is reasonably related to existing duties.

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