

The following questions have been asked related to the Orange County Schools request for grounds maintenance services. Please see the questions received by potential vendors and corresponding answers provided below.

1. Mowing: The scope of work calls for a 7-10 day mowing frequency. I think it should either be once per week or every 10 days. The schools will probably need a weekly mowing to avoid piling of grass clippings. The number of mowings on a weekly schedule from April thru November is ~35. The number of mowings on a 10 day frequency is ~24 (~32% less mowings). For continuity in solicited bids, the mowing frequency needs to be the same for all bids. **This needs to be on weekly basis. If you held to the full ten days and got rained out for a day or two, you would be close to two weeks on the mowing cycle. This would be too long.**
2. Weeding: The term "as needed" is too subjective and needs to be defined. I have found that once a month keeps up with weed germination on campuses. **Once a month is fine.**
3. Tree pruning: One time a year should be sufficient. **Once a year is fine.**
4. Policing: If mowing is on a weekly schedule, then policing would have to be on a weekly schedule also. **Policing needs to be once a week in conjunction with the mowing.**
5. Aeration and over-seeding: To achieve continuity of bids solicited, seed rates need to be determined. There is a difference of 40% between 3 and 5 lbs per 1000 sqft. I would recommend 5lbs after what I saw touring the campuses. **3 pounds per 1000.**
6. Fertilization of turf: We talked at the tour about not doing 4 fertilizations a year. I believe 1 in the spring and one in the fall would provide the "green up" without exceeding a weekly mowing. **ONE spring fertilization and ONE fall fertilization is adequate.**
7. Flowers and Perennial care: Per our conversation during the tour it was decided that this would not need to be included in the proposal. **This can be omitted from the proposal.**
8. Shrub Fertilization: Per our conversation during the tour it was decided this is not needed. **Shrub fertilization can be omitted from the proposal.**