

**JEFFERSON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES**  
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**\* A NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE OF \$15 MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR APPLICATION  
PLEASE USE THE PROMOTION APPLICATION AVAILABLE IN THE HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE**

**PROMOTION EXAMINATION  
FOR  
NO. 78-684 SENIOR CUSTODIAN**

**CANDIDATES MUST BE PERMANENTLY EMPLOYED IN THE CARTHAGE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND MUST HAVE SERVED CONTINUOUSLY ON A PERMANENT BASIS AS A CUSTODIAN FOR ONE YEAR IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE OF THE WRITTEN TEST.**

**VACANCIES:** At present, one vacancy exists with the Carthage Central School District

**SALARY:** \$19.88 - \$25.61/hr.

**LAST FILING DATE:** February 9, 2024

**EXAMINATION DATE:** March 23, 2024

Disabled Persons and Persons needing Religious Accommodation: If special arrangements for testing are required, indicate this on your application form.

**EXAMPLES OF WORK:** (illustrative only)

Makes regular inspections of buildings and grounds to maintain proper cleaning procedures;  
Makes minor carpentry, plumbing, electrical, and other building repairs;  
Inspects cleaning services performed by outside contractors;  
Checks to ensure that buildings are cleaned, locked and unlocked, and in readiness for all activities;  
Oversees the cutting and trimming of lawns, shrubs, and trees;  
Inspects and makes minor repairs to boiler and HVAC systems;  
Oversees the cleaning of snow and ice from walks and driveways;  
Performs sanding and painting of buildings and equipment;  
Oversees the maintenance of grounds, maintenance equipment such as mowers, trimmers, and tractors;  
Orders supplies and maintains inventory of supplies and equipment;  
Keeps records and makes reports of supplies and activities;  
Assists in the preparation of an annual budget for all cleaning activities;  
Interviews prospective new employees and recommends the hiring of temporary and permanent employees;  
Performs cleaning and grounds maintenance activities as necessary;  
Reports any acts of vandalism or breakage to proper authorities;  
Inspects fire alarm and security systems for proper operation;  
May operate motor equipment and/or drive school bus when not assigned to buildings and grounds duties.

**SCOPE OF EXAMINATION:** Written test will cover knowledge, skills, and/or abilities in such areas as:

**Ability to read and follow written instructions**

These questions test for the ability to read, understand and apply written instructions for performing tasks similar to those encountered on the job. All the information needed to answer these questions will be provided in the test booklet.

**Building cleaning**

These questions test for knowledge of basic principles and practices of building cleaning. They cover such areas as equipment, tools, supplies, methods and procedures for cleaning different types of surfaces and materials under various, commonly occurring circumstances.

**Building operation and maintenance I**

These questions test for knowledge of the basic principles, practices and techniques essential to the correct operation and maintenance of public buildings. They cover such areas as building maintenance; preventive maintenance, and minor repair of electrical and plumbing systems; methods and equipment for snow removal; building safety and equipment storage.

**Operation and routine maintenance of heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems**

These questions test for knowledge of basic principles, practices and techniques essential to the correct operation and maintenance of heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems, including such areas as minor cleaning; room temperature and building ventilation control; steam, hot water and hot air heating systems; boiler operation; troubleshooting air conditioning system problems, and proper maintenance of air conditioning systems.

**Supervision and training**

These questions test for the knowledge required by a supervisor to set goals, plan and organize work, train workers in how to do their jobs, and direct workers towards meeting established goals. The supervisory questions cover such areas as assigning and reviewing work, evaluating performance, maintaining work quality, motivating employees, increasing efficiency, and dealing with problems that may arise on the job. The training questions cover such areas as determining the necessity for training, selecting appropriate training methods, and evaluating the effectiveness of training.

**Test guide:**

The New York State Department of Civil Service has not prepared a test guide for this examination. However, candidates may find information in the publication 'General Guide to Written Tests' helpful in preparing for this test. This publication is available on line at:<https://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.cfm>.

This examination is being prepared and rated by the New York State Department of Civil Service in accordance with Section 23-2 of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Rules and Regulations dealing with the rating of examinations will apply to this written test

**Seniority** - Points will be added to an eligible score as follows: One point for each creditable five-year period

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NOTE: Candidates are permitted to use quiet, hand-held, solar or battery powered calculators. Devices with typewriter keyboards, Spell Checkers, Personal Digital Assistants, Address Books, Language Translators, Dictionaries, or any similar devices are prohibited. You may not bring books, reference materials, devices, or calculators which provide assistance beyond simple numerical computation.

**MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS SCHEDULED FOR THE SAME DAY:** With the exception of written tests

announced by New York City, if you have applied to take a written test announced by New York State or any local jurisdiction (county, town, city) scheduled to be held on the same test date as this written test, you must indicate all pertinent examination (exam number, title, and location/jurisdiction) information on a separate piece of paper and submit it with your application.

#### CANDIDATES WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE PLACE OF THE EXAMINATION.

\*A NON-REFUNDABLE fee of \$15 is required for each separately-numbered examination for which you apply. The required fee must accompany your application. Send check or money order payable to the **Jefferson County Treasurer** and write the examination title(s) and number(s) on your check or money order. **DO NOT SEND CASH.** File only for those examinations for which you are clearly qualified. An exception to the fee requirement will be made only for persons who provide proof that they are unemployed and are primarily responsible for the support of the household; or who are receiving Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments, or Public Assistance (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Family Assistance or Safety Net Assistance) or are certified Job Training Partnership Act/Workforce Investment Act eligible through a State or local social service agency. Individuals wishing to claim this waiver of fee must complete an **Application Fee Waiver Request and Certification Form**. This form is available at the Jefferson County Department of Human Resources office. Such claims are subject to later verification and, if not supported by appropriate documentation are grounds for barring appointment.

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