



ENTERPRISE CITY SCHOOLS

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Dear ECS Parents/Guardians,

For the first time since 1918, a solar eclipse will be visible on a path across the entire continental United States. A solar eclipse occurs when the moon blocks any part of the sun. This event will occur in our area Monday, August 21, 2017 beginning around 12:00 p.m. and ending at approximately 3:00 p.m. Nearly 87% of the sun will be covered at 1:36 p.m. More information about the 2017 solar eclipse can be found on NASA's website at <https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/>.

Safety during the eclipse viewing is our top priority. The Enterprise City School System has purchased NASA-endorsed eclipse-safe viewing glasses for all students and staff. For information regarding the safety certification of these special viewing glasses, please visit <https://eclipse.aas.org/eye-safety/safe-viewing>. Students will be required to wear the NASA-endorsed, eclipse-safe viewing glasses the entire time they are outside during the eclipse. For your own safety, it is important to note that homemade filters or ordinary sunglasses, even very dark ones, are not safe for viewing the solar eclipse.

In addition to purchasing NASA-endorsed eclipse-safe viewing glasses, ECS has established the following procedures for this historic event:

- All students participating in the eclipse viewing are required to have a completed permission form (see enclosed form) returned to their teacher. A parent signature on the enclosed form is required in order for students to participate in the eclipse viewing.
- Students whose parents/guardians either do not complete the permission form or choose to opt out will be able to view the televised coverage of the event.
- Students who are kept at home by parents to view this historic event will have their absence coded as excused.
- P.E. classes and/or recess during the time of the eclipse will be held indoors.

A solar eclipse is a memory to last a lifetime! Taking these precautionary measures and following these important rules will ensure an enjoyable and safe experience for our students. Please call or email the principal of your student's school.

Sincerely,

Gregory S. Faught
Superintendent

Solar Eclipse Viewing Permission Form

"The Great American Solar Eclipse," will be visible for first time since 1918 across the entire continental United States. Enterprise City Schools is planning a viewing opportunity to allow students to experience this once-in-a-lifetime event. The school system has purchased NASA-endorsed, eclipse-safe viewing glasses for all students, faculty and staff.

Safety is always a top priority. We will take all precautionary measures to make this experience both safe and enjoyable. It is important to note that homemade filters or ordinary sunglasses, even very dark ones, are not safe for viewing the eclipse. For more information on viewing the eclipse safely to prevent eye damage, please visit <http://eclipse.semo.edu/safety>.

A parent/guardian signature on this form is required in order for students to participate in this event. Please return this signed permission form to your child's teacher by Friday, August 18, 2017. A student whose parent/guardian does not complete this form or does not have a signed parent/guardian consent form on file will not be able to participate.

Parental/Guardian Consent

Student Name: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____

I, the undersigned, parent/guardian of _____, hereby consent for my child to participate in this school-approved activity to view the "Great American Solar Eclipse" occurring Monday, August 21, 2017. My child will unconditionally utilize, wear the provided protective glasses/eye-wear approved by NASA-endorsed as eclipse-safe viewing glasses. My child will abide by the implemented school system safety rules and regulations as well as guidelines set/implemented by the teachers. The undersigned acknowledge and understand the potential risks to my child's eyes without the child utilizing or failing to use the NASA-endorsed, eclipse-safe viewing glasses properly. I, the undersigned, hereby forever release, discharge and hold harmless the Enterprise City Board of Education, its agents, servants, employees, volunteers, teacher and/or administrators from any and all liability, injury, harm and/or damage which may occur and/or be caused by the viewing of the "solar-eclipse" and this school-related activity.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify as part of this approval and consent to the herein above name child to participate in this viewing of the "solar-eclipse", school activity:

- (1) I, the undersigned, have informed, advised and warned my child to always wear/utilize the designated protective eclipse-safe eye wear/glasses furnished by the school system;
- (2) I informed my child under no circumstances to ever remove the furnished eye wear/glasses while viewing the "solar eclipse". And should the glasses become broken, lost or in any manner become unavailable or unusable, immediately look away from the "solar-eclipse" and immediately notify the nearest adult of the need for replacing glasses;
- (3) I informed my child that under no circumstances is he/she to view or attempt to view or look toward the "solar eclipse" without first having in place and/or properly wearing the provided NASA-endorsed eclipse-safe viewing glasses.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date