

Solar Eclipse Viewing Information

On August 21, 2017 for the first time since 1918, a solar eclipse will be visible on a path across the United States. Our district will be in the path of about 93% viewing for the solar eclipse. The district has been busy planning to make this once in a lifetime event a unique learning experience for our students.

On August 21, 2017, all district students will be allowed to go outside and participate in activities and view the solar eclipse. Classroom teachers will be providing additional details regarding viewing location for their particular class as the event approaches.

Student safety is our top concern. Looking directly at the sun is unsafe. The only safe way to look at the uneclipsed or partially eclipsed sun is through special-purpose solar filters, such as eclipse glasses. Per NASA, homemade filters or ordinary sunglasses, even dark ones, are not safe for looking at the sun. The district has purchased and will provide all students and staff who attend the viewing a pair of eclipse glasses to wear during this event. Although there is no way to fully guarantee student safety during such a rare event, we will take precautionary measures including pre-education to make students aware of the risks involved in looking directly at the sun. At no time should students or participants remove their eclipse glasses and look directly at the sun as it could cause permanent eye damage or other unknown effects. There is no way for the school to guarantee that your child will not remove their eclipse glasses, so please speak with your child about the importance of keeping their glasses on at all times during this event.

If you do not want your student to participate in the eclipse viewing, please fill out and return the form below. You may also call the school to request your student remain inside during this event.

Student Name _____ Grade _____

I, parent/guardian of _____, request that my daughter/son stay inside during the solar eclipse activities on August 21, 2017.

Parent/Guardian Signature