



CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Solar Eclipse Viewing Permission Form
3rd – 12th Grade Students Only



On April 8, 2024, Central Public School District will be near the path of a total solar eclipse. This solar eclipse provides a unique opportunity for students to view the phenomenon. After this total solar eclipse, the next total solar eclipse that will be viewable from the contiguous United States will not occur until 2044. Planning is already underway to ensure our students can experience this event.

Safety is always a top priority for the Central School District. We will take all precautionary measures with both students and staff to make this experience both safe and enjoyable. Please note that homemade filters or ordinary sunglasses, even very dark ones, are not safe for looking at the sun. Looking directly at the sun, even during a full eclipse, without specialized eye protection for viewing eclipses, can cause permanent eye damage. Please inform your child of the importance of using only eclipse glasses to view the eclipse, ensuring they are properly using them at all times during the event, and to not look at the sun or the eclipse without specialized eye protection for viewing the eclipse. Students will not be permitted to look at the uneclipsed or partially eclipsed sun through unfiltered cameras, telescopes, binoculars or other optical devices, with or without eclipse-safe viewing glasses. (For more information regarding total eclipse safety, check out the following from NASA: <https://solarsystem.nasa.gov/eclipses/2024/apr-8-total/safety/>)

Because of these safety concerns, a consent on this sheet is required and must be returned to the school by April 4, 2024 in order for your 3rd – 12th grade student to participate. Certified eclipse glasses must be used and are being provided by the district. Parents who do not complete this form are choosing to opt out their student and said student will remain inside the school during the duration of the eclipse.

By signing this permission slip and release, you represent you are the parent or guardian of the student named below, you know the risks of the student viewing the eclipse, you informed the student of these risks, you freely assume these risks, and you voluntarily waive all claims against the Central School District, its employees, members of its Board of Education, its insurers, and anyone else acting on behalf of the Central School District arising from the solar eclipse, including, but not limited to, claims arising from any materials provided by the Central School District for viewing the solar eclipse and claims for negligence, including gross negligence.

****If you have multiple students in 3rd – 12th grades please fill out a permission slip for each student.****

I voluntarily consent for the student below to participate in solar eclipse viewing on April 8, 2024.

DATE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN PRINTED NAME: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____ **GRADE:** _____

SOLAR ECLIPSE



APRIL 8, 2024

PERMISSION SLIP REQUIRED FOR STUDENTS GRADES 3RD – 12TH

Central Public School District would like to share important information with employees and families regarding the solar eclipse that will take place on Monday, April 8, 2024. Although this is an incredibly exciting event that we look forward to sharing with our students, there are a few items that are important to share for safety reasons. **Specifically, we are NOT in the path of totality, so there will NOT be a safe time for anyone to remove their viewing glasses and view the sun.** We are working to ensure that everyone is educated about how to view this event so that we can all safely experience the eclipse!

It will take several hours for the eclipse to take place. The eclipse will begin at around 12:31 pm with maximum coverage at approximately 1:49 pm and will end at around 3:08 pm. (Times may vary)

Certified viewing glasses will be distributed to 3rd – 12th grade students and all employees, which will provide everyone the opportunity to view the eclipse at school. In addition, educators across the district will be teaching lessons about the upcoming eclipse leading up to the event to prepare students for what they will experience.

A signed permission slip is required for all 3rd – 12th grade students to participate in the outdoor eclipse viewing. Employees do not have to complete the permission slip. **Students without signed permission slips turned in by Thursday, April 4, 2024 will remain inside during the eclipse.**

A permission slip is printed on the reverse side of this information sheet. A copy is also available on our school website and Facebook page. Should you have questions please contact the Elementary or High School Office.

We are dedicated to making this a fun and exciting experience for our students through responsible and safe viewing practices. Solar eclipse safety information has been given to all employees and is available at the following website for you to review and discuss with your child. <https://eclipse.aas.org/eye-safety>

We are looking forward to this exciting learning opportunity!