

Solar Eclipse Viewing Permission Slip

On Monday, August 21, 2017, Waterloo will be in the path of totality for the solar eclipse. This event is being called “The Great American Solar Eclipse”. This is the first time since 1918 that a solar eclipse will be visible on a path across the entire continental United States. Waterloo Community Schools are planning to allow students to experience this once-in-a-lifetime event. Kelton Davis, Regional Superintendent of Schools, is providing eclipse-safe viewing glasses for students, faculty and staff. Students will not be permitted to look at the partially eclipsed sun through unfiltered cameras, telescopes, binoculars, or other optical devices, with or without glasses. Looking directly at the sun without proper eye protection could result in permanent eye damage or blindness. **Because of these safety concerns, a parent or guardian signature is required in order for students to participate in the event using the eclipse glasses.**

- **K-8 Permission Slips Will Be Available At Supply Drop, Monday, August 14th**
- **HS will receive a copy of the permission slip from their homeroom teacher.**
- **All permission slips will also be on each building’s website.**

Zahnnow: Students will not be viewing the totality of the eclipse. During the totality all students and teachers will be sitting on the north side of the building against the exterior cafeteria wall. From this position the sun is not visible. Students and staff will get to experience the darkness and the temperature drop. Students will view the eclipse in supervised, small groups at some point before totality. The eclipse will also be viewed throughout the day on TV/smartboards in all classrooms with classroom activities.

Rogers: Students will be viewing various phases of the solar eclipse outside and participating in classroom eclipse activities throughout the school day.

Gardner/JH/HS: Students will be viewing the totality of the eclipse outside and participating in eclipse activities throughout the day.

Student Name: _____ (Please Print)

Homeroom Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Parental Consent (Please check the box to indicate your consent)

I/We, parent(s)/guardian(s) of _____,

give consent

do not give consent

for my/our son/daughter to view the total solar eclipse on August 21, 2017. My/our son/daughter will follow the school's rules and regulations as well as guidelines set up by the teachers. I/We have been informed viewing the eclipse involves risk, which could result in injury to the eyes, if eclipse safe viewing glasses are not worn properly.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature _____

Student Acknowledgement of Risk/Permission

(Please check the box to indicate your understanding of parent permission)

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| | I understand that looking directly at the sun is unsafe and can result in permanent eye damage or blindness. I also understand that the only safe way to look directly at the un-eclipsed or partially eclipsed sun is through special "eclipse glasses". Homemade filters or ordinary sunglasses, even very dark ones, are not safe for looking at the sun. I will follow all school rules and teacher instructions during this school approved activity in order to ensure a safe and enjoyable learning experience. |
| | I understand that I will not be viewing the eclipse outside. |

Student Signature _____