



Solar eclipse viewing permission form

On August 21, 2017, (our first Monday of the 2017-2108 school year), Burwell will be in the path of a total solar eclipse. This event is being called "The Great American Solar Eclipse," because it is the first time since 1918 a solar eclipse will be visible on a path across the entire continental United States. Burwell is just off of the path of totality. Planning is underway to ensure our students can experience this once-in-a-lifetime event. Through grant funding, Burwell Public Schools has received eclipse-safe viewing glasses for all students and staff from the Edgerton Explorit Center in Aurora.

Safety is always a top priority for Burwell Public Schools. We will take all precautionary measures with both students and staff to make this experience both safe and enjoyable. Homemade filters or ordinary sunglasses, even very dark ones, are not safe for looking at the sun. 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 glasses. (For more information regarding the safety certification of the special viewing glasses, please visit www.eclipseglasses.com/pages/safety)

Because of these safety concerns, a parent signature on this sheet is **required by August 21st** in order for students to participate using the eclipse glasses. Students whose parents either do not complete this form or choose to opt out their child will view televised coverage and complete an alternative activity from inside the school building during the eclipse.

Parents must fill out one form for all students in their household.

PARENT NAME: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____ GRADE LEVEL: _____