



Whiteside School District #115



Solar Eclipse Viewing Permission Form

August 21, 2017: First day of school and “The Great American Solar Eclipse”! For the first time since 1918, a solar eclipse will be visible on a path across the entire continental United States. Though Whiteside is not in the path of totality, we will experience (weather permitting) a partial eclipse from approximately 11:50am to 2:45pm, with the maximum eclipse at 1:19pm.

The solar eclipse is a great learning experience to start the new school year. Because it is unsafe to look directly at the sun, we have purchased eclipse glasses for all students and staff. These glasses meet ISO 12312-2 standards as recommended by NASA, so that students can safely watch the eclipse. Students will only be permitted outside during the eclipse if wearing these glasses. Homemade filters, sunglasses, unfiltered cameras, or other optical devices will not be permitted.

Students who do not abide by all safety instructions will not be permitted to remain outside.

Parent permission is required for students to participate in viewing the eclipse. School supplied glasses are required for viewing. Students whose parents do not complete this form or choose to opt out of the viewing will be able to watch the eclipse via NASA’s web-streaming. Because the eclipse timeframe is during scheduled recess times, students will remain indoors for recess.

To ensure that all homeroom teachers have an accurate record of students who are permitted to view the eclipse with the school supplied glasses, please complete a form for **each student**.

Permission form must be received no later than 10am on August 21, 2017.

My child has permission to view the solar eclipse on August 21, 2017. I understand that my child will be required to wear school-provided eclipse glasses and will not be permitted outdoors without wearing those glasses.

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____