



## Opt Out Opportunity for The Great American Eclipse 04/08/2024

Dear Parents and Students:

We are excited to have the opportunity to view the Great American Eclipse that will be occurring on the afternoon of April 8, 2024.

As always, student safety is our top concern. Looking into the sun directly is unsafe. The only safe way to look at the uneclipsed or partially eclipsed sun is through specialized solar filter glasses. **Denison ISD will be providing each student with glasses so that viewing can remain safe.** Teachers will be sharing lessons, safety reminders, and supervision throughout our viewing time as discussed in the attached guidelines. Please visit with your student about the importance of following all safety precautions during this rare event so that all can have a great experience.

Please see below if you choose for your student NOT to participate.

Thank you,

Denison ISD

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**IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE** in the outdoor eclipse viewing planned April 8, 2024, sign and return this form to your student's school by **Thursday, April 4, 2024**. Only return if you do not want your student to participate.

I, (parent name) \_\_\_\_\_ DO NOT give my permission for  
\_\_\_\_\_ (student name) to attend the solar eclipse  
viewing at school on Monday, April 8, 2024

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Denison ISD Safety Guidelines for The Great American Eclipse (04/08/2024)

All safety guidelines will be reviewed with students PRIOR to being allowed to go outside and observe the solar eclipse occurring on April 8, 2024.

- **Teachers and staff will:**
  - Explain to students why solar glasses are necessary. Looking directly at the sun without proper solar safe filters can cause permanent and irreversible eye damage. Your vision could still be damaged even if you don't feel discomfort because there are no pain receptors in the eye. You can damage your eyes and not know it until you start having symptoms later.
  - Practice applying and removing solar glasses prior to taking students outdoors.
    - To apply: Stand still and cover your eyes with your eclipse glasses or solar viewers before looking up at the sun.
    - To remove: Have students look down towards the ground before removing glasses — never remove them while looking at the sun.
- Have students apply glasses as a group and then remove glasses as a group.
  - Students should not be allowed to remove glasses until instructed to do so by the teacher.
- Explain to the students that Denison, TX is within the partial solar eclipse viewing area. Therefore, 100% totality will not be obtained. Due to this, students should have solar glasses on at all viewing times.
- Explain that students who do not comply with safety procedures will be sent indoors. Campuses will have a plan in place for those who will be inside to monitor students who cannot or will not be outside for the event.
- Review the safety information from NASA at the following links:
  - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x2\\_40cw0Yfw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x2_40cw0Yfw)
  - <https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse-2024/safety/>

Parents will need to complete the attached form and return to their student's campus by **Thursday, April 4, 2024** if they **do not want their student to participate in observation** of the Great American Eclipse.