

Alton Community Unit School District #11

2017 Solar Eclipse Outdoor Viewing Event

Permission Slip

On Monday, August 21, 2017 there will be a total solar eclipse. This is a tremendous, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for students. The near total eclipse is expected to be viewable at approximately 1:15 in the St. Louis region. Thanks to the St. Louis Eclipse Expo, safety glasses will be provided to our 2nd through 12th grade students. Outdoor viewing opportunities will be provided to 2nd through 12th grade students while at school but only if parental permission is secured and strict safety precautions are followed. Kindergarten and 1st grade students will view the eclipse through local media coverage inside of the school. You may also elect for your student (at any grade level) to view the eclipse through indoor television coverage as it will be available in all schools.

It is not safe to look at the sun, especially during the eclipse, without proper glasses. This includes the entire time of exposure. This exposure range could be from approximately 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on August 21. Because some students will be dismissing school at this time and riding buses home, please convey these safety concerns to your child prior to school that morning. We will also be providing instructions prior to the outdoor viewing. Parents may also choose to pick up their child on August 21. More information on safety precautions is available at stlouiseclipse2017.org and greatamericaneclipse.com.

Any student wishing to participate in school-based outdoor viewing of the eclipse must have the permission slip below on file. Otherwise, an indoor viewing opportunity through media coverage will be provided for your student. Please contact your child's school if you would like to volunteer and assist students with proper viewing during the eclipse. Thank you!

(Detach this portion and return to the school office before Monday, August 21 at 8:45 a.m.)

Student Name: _____

_____ My child **does** have permission to take part in the outdoor viewing of the eclipse at school on August 21, 2017. I understand my child will be required to wear safety glasses that will be provided to protect his/her eyes. I also understand it is my responsibility to instruct my child on the safety precautions required during school dismissal when the period of exposure may still be underway.

_____ My child **does not** have permission to take part in the outdoor viewing of the eclipse at school on August 21, 2017. During this time, I would like for my child to be supervised indoors while watching the eclipse on television through local media coverage.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Parent Name: _____

