

# MONROVIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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## **Solar Eclipse Viewing Permission Slip**

On August 21, 2017, we will experience the first total solar eclipse since 1918. We won't experience this again until 2054. 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. Monrovia Elementary is planning a viewing opportunity to allow students to experience this once in a lifetime event.

To ensure the safety of our students, MES will purchase the required ISO 12312-2 international standard eclipse-safe viewing glasses. We will require the students to wear these glasses throughout the entire viewing of the solar eclipse. Students will not be allowed to use homemade filters or ordinary sunglasses, even very dark ones, as they are not safe for looking at the sun. Students will not be permitted to look at the eclipsed or partially eclipsed sun through unfiltered cameras, telescopes, binoculars, or other optical devices, with or without glasses.

Because of these safety concerns, a parent or guardian signature on this sheet is required in order for students to participate in the event using eclipse glasses. Students whose parents do not complete this form or choose for their child to not participate will not attend.

Any students who does not have specific permission to view the eclipse will be provided with an alternative viewing plan (virtual/indoors) Additionally, parents who need to sign their children out of school early on the day of the eclipse need to do so no later than 1:00 pm, so that we can have adequate time to transition to the eclipse activities.

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I/We, parent(s)/guardian(s) of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby give consent for my/our son/daughter to participate in this school-approved activity to view "The Great American Solar Eclipse" on August 21, 2017 at Monrovia Elementary School using ISO12312-2 international standard eclipse-safe viewing glasses.

My child will abide by Monrovia Elementary and Madison County Student Code of Conduct, their school's rules and regulations as well as guidelines set by the teachers.

We have been informed of the risks involved with viewing the eclipse, which could result in injury to the eyes, if eclipse-safe viewing glasses are not worn properly.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Date