



Brenham
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT EST. 1875

Solar Eclipse Viewing and Consent Form

On August 21, 2017, Brenham will be in the path of a solar eclipse. This is the first time since 1918 a solar eclipse will be visible across the entire continental United States. Planning is already underway to ensure our students can experience this once-in-a-lifetime event. While activities will vary by school and by classroom, students who participate in actual outdoor viewing of the eclipse will be provided eclipse-safe viewing glasses.

As always, student safety is our top concern. **Looking directly at the sun is unsafe.** The only safe way to look at the uneclipsed or partially eclipsed sun is through special-purpose solar filters, such as “eclipse glasses”. Per NASA, homemade filters or ordinary sunglasses, even very dark ones, are not safe for looking at the sun. At no time should students or participants remove their eclipse glasses and look directly at the sun as it could cause permanent eye damage or other unknown effects. **Although there is no way for the school to guarantee that your child will not remove their eclipse glasses, we will take precautionary measures including pre-education to make students aware of the risks involved in directly looking at the sun. Please also speak with your child about the importance of keeping their eclipse glasses on at all times during this event.**

If you prefer that your student **NOT** participate in the outdoor viewing of the solar eclipse, please fill out the form below and return to school on Monday, August 21, 2017. Students whose parents choose to opt out their child will view televised coverage from inside the school building during the eclipse.

I **DO NOT** want my child to participate in the outdoor viewing of the solar eclipse.

Student Name

Campus/Grade

Parent Signature

Date