

**PERMISSION SLIP FOR HARDING MIDDLE SCHOOL
VIEW THE SOLAR ECLIPSE
AUGUST 21, 2017**

On August 21, 2017, Lakewood will experience an approximate 80% solar eclipse. 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.

Safety is always a top priority for us. We will take all precautionary measures with both students and staff to make this experience both safe and enjoyable. **Homemade filters or ordinary sunglasses, even very dark ones, are not safe for looking at the sun.** Students will not be permitted to look at the uneclipsed or partially eclipsed sun through unfiltered cameras, telescopes, binoculars or other optical devices, with or without glasses. For more information regarding the safety certification of the special viewing glasses, please visit <https://www.eclipseglasses.com/>

Harding teachers and administration have developed a plan to ensure all students experience this rare opportunity. At the start of 9th period on August 21st, teachers will bring all students to the gymnasium. Students with this permission slip signed by their parent/guardian will be permitted to move from the gym to the softball stadium where they will be able to view the eclipse using eclipse viewing glasses that meet the ISO certification guidelines. Depending upon the number of students with signed permission slips, students may need to share these viewing glasses. Students not having a signed permission slip will remain in the gymnasium during the viewing and we have arranged for video of the eclipse to be projected on screens in the gymnasium for their viewing.

Because of these safety concerns, a parent signature on the bottom of this permission form is required in order for students to participate using eclipse glasses.

I give express permission for my child(ren) to participate in viewing "The Great American Solar Eclipse" on August 21, 2017 during the school day. I have been provided safety information that will help me make an informed decision and I can call the school at 216-529-4261 for any other required information.

Student Name _____ Parent Signature _____