



## Solar Eclipse Viewing Opt-Out Form

Please return this signed form if you **DO NOT** want your child to participate in the solar eclipse event.

On **Monday, April 8, 2024**, Thomas County Schools will be in the path of nearly 75% totality for a **PARTIAL** solar eclipse. This will be the last solar eclipse that will be visible on a path across the entire continental United States until the year 2045. Thomas County Schools is planning a viewing opportunity for all of our schools to experience this once-in-a-lifetime phenomena on all of our school campuses.

The school system has purchased eclipse-safe viewing glasses for all students, faculty, and staff. Safety is always a top priority. We will take all precautionary measures 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 partially eclipsed sun through unfiltered cameras, telescopes, binoculars, or other optical devices, with or without glasses.

(For more information on viewing the eclipse safely to prevent eye damage, please visit <https://www.nsta.org/eclipse>.)

**If you DO NOT want your child to participate in this event, please complete the bottom portion of this Opt-Out form.**

Students whose parents do not complete this form will be able to participate.

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**If you DO NOT want your child to participate in the solar eclipse event, please sign below and return.**

I / We, parent(s)/guardian(s) of \_\_\_\_\_, **DO NOT** give consent for my/our son/daughter to participate in this school-approved activity to view the partial solar eclipse on Monday, April 8th, 2024.

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Parent or Guardian Signature

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Date

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