



On April 8, 2024, a total solar eclipse will cross North America, passing over Mexico, the United States, and Canada. A total solar eclipse happens when the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth, completely blocking the face of the Sun. In the path of totality, the sky will darken as if it were dawn or dusk. Durham is outside the path of totality and will experience approximately 78% coverage. The eclipse will begin around 2:00, reach maximum coverage around 3:15, and end around 4:30.

This rare celestial event provides a unique opportunity for our students to learn about the wonders of the universe. ICS students (with your permission indicated below) will be allowed to go outside to view the eclipse during the afternoon. ISO-certified eclipse viewing glasses have been purchased for all students. These glasses meet all necessary standards to protect the eyes against solar radiation.

Caution: Please caution your child not to look at the sun without protective eyewear. Staff will reinforce this message on Monday, April 8.

I give permission for _____ (my child's name) to participate in the solar eclipse viewing event on Monday, April 8. I understand that the event will be supervised by school staff and that safety measures will be in place to protect students' eyes during viewing. It is the responsibility of students to follow the safety measures given by their teachers.

I acknowledge that my child will be required to wear the provided solar eclipse viewing glasses when viewing the sun and follow any instructions given at all times during the viewing.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please print, sign, and email or return a paper copy no later than the morning of Monday, April 8, 2024.