

SOLAR ECLIPSE - APRIL 8, 2024

PARENT INFORMATION

Anson County will experience a partial solar eclipse on April 8, 2024, the day students return from Spring Break. In our area, the eclipse will begin just before 2:00 p.m. and end just after 4:00 p.m., with a peak of 3:15 p.m.

The eclipse poses no risk to anyone, but the temptation to stare at the sun during the eclipse creates risk. In preparation for the solar eclipse, students will be kept inside during this time up until their dismissal. We realize some students will be on buses during the eclipse, so we have encouraged teachers to share with all students the risks posed by staring at the sun and that traditional sunglasses are not a significant enough filter for viewing. We ask that parents/guardians share the risks of staring at the sun with their students.

Additionally, athletic practices and events can resume normal activity at 4:30 p.m.

There are several ways to safely and indirectly view the eclipse, and it is certainly a great science lesson that we encourage educators to share with students. General guidelines on viewing the eclipse indirectly, as well as other resources, can be found at the links below:

[How to Safely Watch the Eclipse/Eye Health Tips](#)

[K-5 NASA Science SpacePlace](#)

[Grades 5-8](#)

[High-Earth Science](#)

[The Science of the Solar Eclipse and How to Watch with NASA](#)

