

A special total solar eclipse is coming up. This eclipse is special because people can only see it from inside the United States of America. This is the first time that a special eclipse like this has happened since the USA became a country 241 years ago.

OPTIONS FOR PARENTS

SCHOOLS HAVE EXCITING EDUCATIONAL PLANS FOR THE ECLIPSE!

Many lessons will be indoors, and some will be outdoors. All outdoor eclipse lessons will use proper safety procedures.

If you do not want your child to be a part of any outdoor eclipse plans, please let your school know in advance.

If you want your child to view the eclipse at home you can pick them up early for a half-day or keep your child at home that day — it will be an excused absence with a note from a parent.

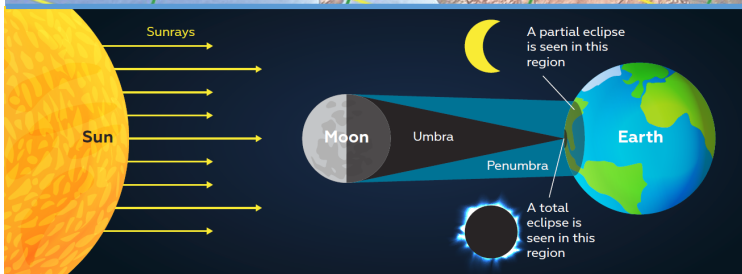
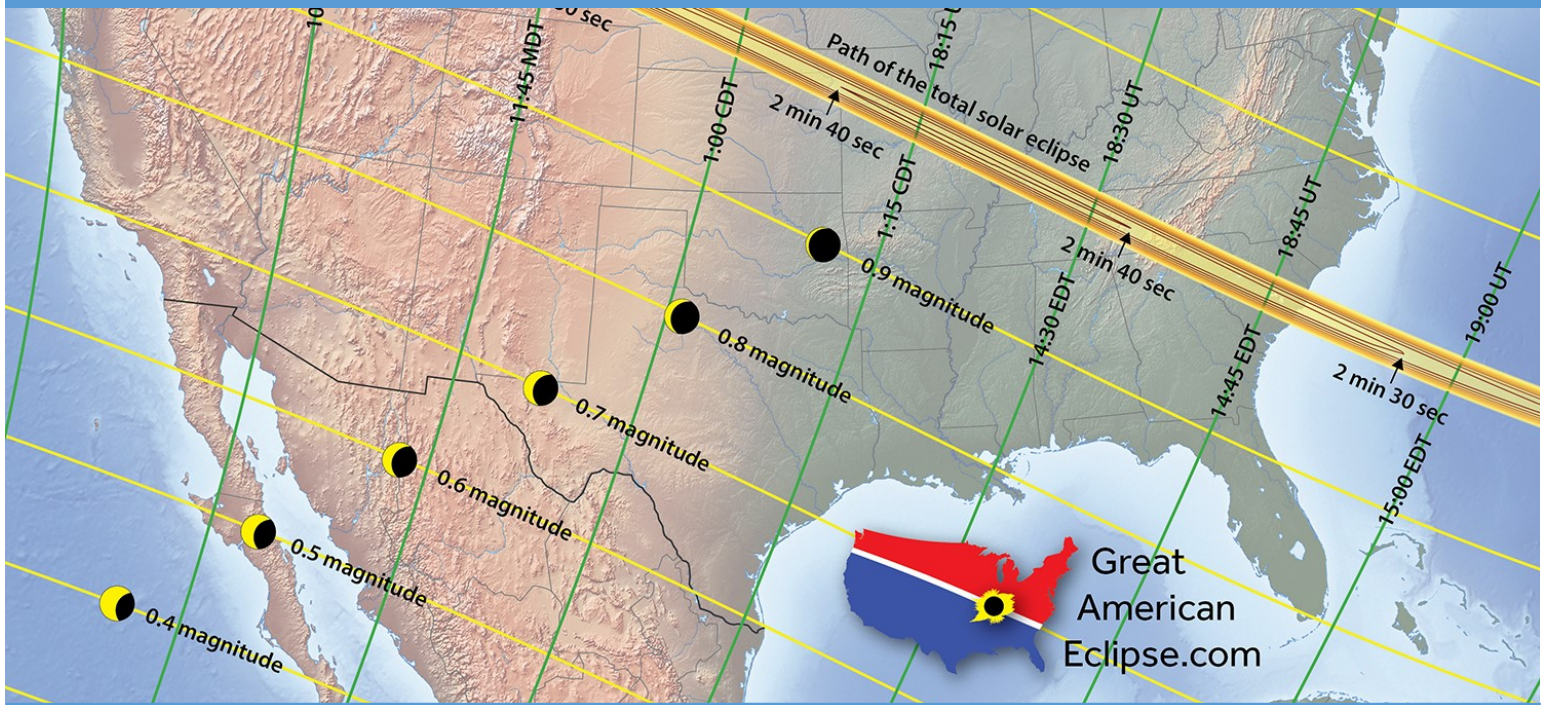
ALL AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES WILL BE INDOORS FROM 1:15–4:15

IMPORTANT SAFETY: Don't Look Up!

It is *never* safe to look right at the Sun, even during a partial eclipse! It can hurt your eyes in a way that even doctors cannot fix. If you want to watch this special eclipse, there are three safe ways:

1. **ON TV AND ONLINE** — You can watch video of the eclipse while it is happening on TV and on the Internet.
2. **WITH SPECIAL GLASSES** — If you have special eclipse glasses, you can look at the eclipse. But you cannot look at the eclipse with regular sunglasses or just your eyes.
3. **WITH AN ECLIPSE VIEWER BOX** — Learn how to make an eclipse viewer box at sdhc.k12.fl.us and search GO ECLIPSE

Tampa Times | Begins 1:18 p.m. | Maximum Point (81% of sun covered) 2:50 p.m. | Ends 4:14 p.m.



For a few hours, the Moon will come between the Earth and the Sun. That means the Moon will cast a shadow over part of the Earth.

In some places, the Moon will only block part of the Sun. That is called a *partial eclipse*. Around Tampa, we will see a *partial eclipse*.

In a small part of the USA, the Moon will totally block the Sun for about 5 minutes. People there will see a *total eclipse*, and it will be dark outside.