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DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION

NO. 5428 15 October 2024

NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY ACT, 1996 (ACT NO 27 OF 1996)

CALL FOR COMMENTS: PROPOSED 2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

I, Siviwe Gwarube, Minister of Basic Education, acting under section 3(4)(k) of the National Education Policy Act, 1996 (No. 27 of 1996) and after consultation with the Council of Education Ministers, invite stakeholder bodies and members of the public to comment on the Proposed 2026 School Calendar.

The Proposed 2026 School Calendar is obtainable at https://www.education.gov.za/.

All interested persons and organisations are invited to comment on the Proposed 2026 School Calendar, in writing, and direct the comments to the Director-General: Department of Basic Education, for the attention of Mr S Mlambo, e-mail: Mlambo.S@dbe.gov.za; cc Mkhize.ZM@dbe.gov.za.

All comments must reach the Department no later than one month after the publication of this notice.

MS SIVIWE GWARUBE, MP

MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION

DATE: 10/10/2024









PROPOSED 2026 CALENDAR

FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

	January 2026						
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	February 2026					
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			Public and Sch	ool Holidays 2026		
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3	14		01 January	New Year's Day		
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27	28		21 March	Human Rights Da		
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			03 April	Good Friday		
			06 April	Family Day		

27 April

16 June

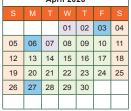
09 August

16 December

25 December

26 December

01 January	New Year's Day
21 March	Human Rights Day
03 April	Good Friday
06 April	Family Day



May 2026						
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June 2026							
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28	29	30					

01 May	Workers' Day
15 June	Special School Holiday

Youth Day

National Women's Day

Day of Reconciliation

Christmas Day

Day of Goodwill

Freedom Day

July 2026						
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September 2026								
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27	28	29	30					

10 August	Public Holiday
24 September	Heritage Day
25 September	Special School Holiday

	October 2026						
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November 2026						
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December 2026								
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Special school holidays
School holidays

	Weekends
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	Days for administration

School days
Public holidays

SUMMARY OF 2026 CALENDAR FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Term	Duration	No. of weeks		No. of public holidays	Actual no. of school days
1	(12) 14 January – 27 March	11	53 (55)	0	53 (55)
2	08 April – 26 June	12	58	3+1	54
3	21 July – 02 October	11	54	2+1	51
4	13 October – 09 (11) December	09	42 (44)	0	42(44)
Total		43	207 (211)	5+2	200 (204)







