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DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION

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**NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY ACT, 1996 (ACT NO 27 OF 1996)
2026 CALENDAR FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

I, Siviwe Gwarube, Minister of Basic Education, acting in terms of section 3(4)(k) of the National Education Policy Act, 1996, (Act No. 27 of 1996), and after consultation with the Council of Education Ministers, hereby publish the 2026 Calendar for public schools in South Africa as detailed in the accompanying schedule.



**MS SIVIWE GWARUBE, MP
MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION
DATE: 12/02/2025**

2026 CALENDAR FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

January 2026	February 2026	March 2026	Public and School Holidays 2026
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04 05 06 07 08 09 10	08 09 10 11 12 13 14	08 09 10 11 12 13 14	
11 12 13 14 15 16 17	15 16 17 18 19 20 21	15 16 17 18 19 20 21	
18 19 20 21 22 23 24	22 23 24 25 26 27 28	22 23 24 25 26 27 28	
25 26 27 28 29 30 31		29 30 31	
April 2026	May 2026	June 2026	
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12 13 14 15 16 17 18	10 11 12 13 14 15 16	14 15 16 17 18 19 20	
19 20 21 22 23 24 25	17 18 19 20 21 22 23	21 22 23 24 25 26 27	
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July 2026	August 2026	September 2026	
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12 13 14 15 16 17 18	09 10 11 12 13 14 15	13 14 15 16 17 18 19	
19 20 21 22 23 24 25	16 17 18 19 20 21 22	20 21 22 23 24 25 26	
26 27 28 29 30 31	23 24 25 26 27 28 29	27 28 29 30	
	30 31		
October 2026	November 2026	December 2026	
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04 05 06 07 08 09 10	08 09 10 11 12 13 14	06 07 08 09 10 11 12	
11 12 13 14 15 16 17	15 16 17 18 19 20 21	13 14 15 16 17 18 19	
18 19 20 21 22 23 24	22 23 24 25 26 27 28	20 21 22 23 24 25 26	
25 26 27 28 29 30 31	29 30	27 28 29 30 31	

Weekends	School days	Special school holidays
Days for administration	Public holidays	School holidays

SUMMARY OF 2026 CALENDAR FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Term	Duration	No. of weeks	No. of days	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 – 23 September	10	47	1	46
4	06 October – 09 (11) December	10	47 (49)	0	47(49)
Total		43	205 (209)	4+1	200 (204)