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DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION

NO. 2992

31 January 2023

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

I, Angelina Matsie Motshekga, 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 and the National Policy for Determining School Calendars for Public Schools in South Africa (The Policy) is obtainable on the following Departmental website: <http://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 for Department of Basic Education, for the attention of Mr S Mlambo, e-mail: Mlambo.S@dbe.gov.za; cc Manaka.L@dbe.gov.za.

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

**MRS ANGIE MOTSHEKGA, MP****MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION**

DATE: 02/01/2023

PROPOSED 2026 CALENDAR FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

January 2026	February 2026	March 2026	Public and School Holidays 2026
S M T W T F S	S M T W T F S	S M T W T F S	
01 02 03	01 02 03 04 05 06 07	01 02 03 04 05 06 07	
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	
26 27 28 29 30	24 25 26 27 28 29 30	28 29 30	
July 2026	August 2026	September 2026	
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05 06 07 08 09 10 11	02 03 04 05 06 07 08	06 07 08 09 10 11 12	
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	
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

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

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