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**DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION**

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**NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY ACT, 1996 (ACT NO 27 OF 1996)****2027 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 2027 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**

## 2027 CALENDAR FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

JANUARY 2027							FEBRUARY 2027							MARCH 2027							Public and School Holidays 2027	
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S		
					1	2		1	2	3	4	5	6		1	2	3	4	5	6	01 January	New Year's Day
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	21 March	Human Rights Day
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	22 March	Public holiday
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	26 March	Good Friday
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28							28	29	30	31				29 March	Family Day
31																					26 April	Special School Holiday
APRIL 2027							MAY 2027							JUNE 2027							27 April	Freedom Day
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S		
				1	2	3							1			1	2	3	4	5	01 May	Workers' Day
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	16 June	Youth Day
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	09 August	National Women's Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	24 September	Heritage Day
25	26	27	28	29	30		23	24	25	26	27	28	29	27	28	29	30				16 December	Day of Reconciliation
							30	31													25 December	Christmas Day
JULY 2027							AUGUST 2027							SEPTEMBER 2027							26 December	Day of Goodwill
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S		
				1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	27 December	Public holiday
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30	31			
OCTOBER 2027							NOVEMBER 2027							DECEMBER 2027								
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### SUMMARY OF 2027 CALENDAR FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Term	Duration	No. of weeks	No. of days	No. of public holidays	Actual no. of school days
1	(11)13 January – 19 March	10	48(50)	0	48(50)
2	06 April – 25 June	12	59	2+1	56
3	20 July – 22 September	10	47	1	46
4	05 October – 08(10) December	10	47(49)	0	47(49)
<b>Total</b>		<b>42</b>	<b>201(205)</b>	<b>3+1</b>	<b>197(201)</b>







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