

## GOVERNMENT NOTICES • GOEWERMENTSKENNISGEWINGS

### DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION

NO. 1911

18 March 2022

#### NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY ACT, 1996 (ACT NO 27 OF 1996) 2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

I, Angelina Matsie Motshekga, 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 2023 School Calendar for public schools in South Africa as detailed in the accompanying schedule.



**MRS ANGIE MOTSHEKGA, MP**

**MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION**

**DATE:** 16/03/2022



**basic education**

Department:  
Basic Education  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



**INLAND CLUSTER:  
FREE STATE, GAUTENG, LIMPOPO, MPUMALANGA AND NORTH WEST PROVINCES**

January 2023							February 2023							March 2023							Public and School Holidays 2023	
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7				1	2	3	4				1	2	3	4	01 January	New Year's Day
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	02 January	Public Holiday
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	20 March	Special School Holiday
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	21 March	Human Rights Day
29	30	31					26	27	28					26	27	28	29	30	31		07 April	Good Friday
																					10 April	Family Day
April 2023							May 2023							June 2023							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	28 April	Special School Holiday
						1		1	2	3	4	5	6					1	2	3	01 May	Workers' Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	16 June	Youth Day
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	09 August	National Women's Day
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	24 September	Heritage Day
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30		25 September	Public Holiday
30																					16 December	Day of Reconciliation
July 2023							August 2023							September 2023							25 December	Christmas Day
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	26 December	Day of Goodwill
						1			1	2	3	4	5						1	2		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29	27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30		
30	31																					
October 2023							November 2023							December 2023								
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7				1	2	3	4						1	2		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	17	18	19	20	21	22	13		
29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30			24	25	26	27	28	29	30		
														31								

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

**SUMMARY OF 2023 CALENDAR FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Duration	No. of weeks	No. of days	No. of public holidays	Actual no. of school days
(9) 11 January - 24 March	11	53 (55)	1+1	51(53)
12 April – 23 June	11	53	3+1	49
18 July – 29 September	11	54	2	52
10 October – 13 December (15) December	10	47 (49)	0	47 (49)
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>207 (211)</b>	<b>6+2</b>	<b>199 (203)</b>

## COASTAL CLUSTER: EASTERN CAPE, KWAZULU-NATAL, NORTHERN CAPE AND WESTERN CAPE PROVINCES

January 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

February 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

March 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

April 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

May 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

June 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

July 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

August 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

September 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

October 2023						
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

November 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

December 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	13
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

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