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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

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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)

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