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DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION

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NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY ACT, 1996 (ACT NO 27 OF 1996)
2028 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 2028 Calendar for public schools in South Africa as detailed in the accompanying schedule.



MS SIVIWE GWARUBE, MP

MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION

DATE: 07/10/2026

2028 SCHOOL CALENDAR

January 2028

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February 2028

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March 2028

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June 2028

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July 2028

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August 2028

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September 2028

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November 2028

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December 2028

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Public and School Holidays 2028	
01 January	New Year's Day
21 March	Human Rights Day
14 April	Good Friday
17 April	Family Day
27 April	Freedom Day
28 April	Special School Holiday
01 May	Workers' Day
16 June	Youth Day
09 August	National Women's Day
24 September	Heritage Day
25 September	Public Holiday
16 December	Day of Reconciliation
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	Day of Goodwill

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

SUMMARY OF 2028 CALENDAR FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Duration	No. of weeks	No. of days	No. of public holidays	Actual no. of school days
(10) 12 January - 17 March	10	48 (50)	0	48 (50)
28 March – 14 June	12	57	4 +1	52
11 July – 22 September	11	54	1	53
03 October – 06 (08) December	10	47 (49)	0	47 (49)
Total	**43**	**206 (210)**	**5+1**	**200 (204)**

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