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**NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY ACT, 1996 (ACT NO 27 OF 1996)
2021 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 2021 School Calendar for public schools in South Africa as detailed in the accompanying schedule.

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

DATE: 28.10.2019

2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR COMMON CALENDAR

January 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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February 2021						
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March 2021						
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April 2021						
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May 2021						
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June 2021						
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2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR COMMON CALENDAR

July 2021						
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August 2021						
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September 2021						
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October 2021						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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November 2021						
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

December 2021						
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	

Terms	Duration	No. of weeks	No. of days	No. of public holidays	Actual no. of school days
Term 1	(11) 13 January – 26 Mar	11	53 (55)	1	52 (54)
Term 2	13 April – 25 June	11	54	2+1	51
Term 3	20 July – 01 October	11	54	2	52
Term 4	12 October – 08 (10) Dec	09	42 (44)	0	42 (44)
	Total	42	203 (207)	5+1	197 (201)

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

Public and School Holidays 2021	
01 January	New Year's Day
21 March	Human Rights Day
22 March	Public holiday
02 April	Good Friday
05 April	Family Day
26 April	Special School holiday
27 April	Freedom Day
01 May	Workers' Day
16 June	Youth Day
09 August	National Women's Day
24 September	Heritage Day
16 December	Day of Reconciliation
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	Day of Goodwill