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## DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION

NO. 527

15 June 2021

**NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY ACT, 1996 (ACT NO 27 OF 1996)  
CALL FOR COMMENTS: PROPOSED 2023 CALENDAR FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

I, Angelina Matsie Motshekga, Minister of Basic Education, acting under section 3(4)(k) of the National Education Policy Act, 1996 (No. 27 of 1996) and after consultation with the Council of Education Ministers, invite stakeholder bodies and members of the public to comment on the Proposed 2023 School Calendar.

The Proposed 2023 School Calendar and the National Policy for Determining School Calendars for Public Schools in South Africa are obtainable on the following Departmental website: <http://www.education.gov.za>.

All interested persons and organisations are invited to comment on the Proposed 2023 School Calendar, in writing, and direct the comments to the Director-General for Department of Basic Education, for the attention of Mr S Mlambo, e-mail: [Mlambo.S@dbe.gov.za](mailto:Mlambo.S@dbe.gov.za); cc [Manaka.L@dbe.gov.za](mailto:Manaka.L@dbe.gov.za).

All comments must reach the Department no later than one month after the publication of this notice.



**ANGELINA MATSIE MOTSHEKGA, MP  
MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION  
DATE: 29 MAY 2021**

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

Duration	No. of weeks	No. of days	No. of public holidays	Actual no. of school days
(09) 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
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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
			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	

April 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						

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
						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					

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						
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				

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						

Public and School Holidays 2023	
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	Weekends
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	School days
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	Special school holidays
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	Public holidays
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