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

Public and School Holidays 2023
01 January New Year’s Day
02 January Public Holiday
20 March Special School Holiday
21 March Human Rights Day
07 April Good Friday
10 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

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)
Total 43 207 (211) 6+2 199 (203)
# Public and School Holidays 2023

### January
- 01 January: New Year’s Day
- 02 January: Public Holiday

### March
- 20 March: Special School Holiday
- 21 March: Human Rights Day

### April
- 07 April: Good Friday
- 10 April: Family Day

### May
- 27 April: Freedom Day
- 28 April: Special School Holiday

### June
- 01 May: Workers’ Day
- 16 June: Youth Day
- 09 August: National Women’s Day

### September
- 24 September: Heritage Day
- 25 September: Public Holiday
- 16 December: Day of Reconciliation
- 25 December: Christmas Day
- 26 December: Day of Goodwill

## Duration

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