

Ministry of Education Confirms 2027 School Term Dates, Including Year End School Break

The Ministry of Education has released the official 2027 school calendar for Malaysia, setting the schedule for term dates, mid-year holidays, and the year end school break. The calendar applies to all government and government-aided schools nationwide, with separate groupings for states in the northern and southern zones.

The year end school break for 2027 is expected to begin in late November and extend into early January 2028, giving students and families a defined period for rest, travel, and preparation for the following academic year. The exact start and end dates vary by state grouping, as the Ministry maintains two distinct calendar tracks to accommodate regional differences in weather and public holidays.

Two State Groupings, One National Calendar

Malaysia's school calendar operates on two parallel schedules. Group A covers schools in Johor, Kedah, Kelantan, and Terengganu. Group B covers the remaining states and the federal territories. This division allows schools in the northern and east coast states to align their holidays with local cultural and religious observances, while still following the same national academic framework.

For Group A schools, the 2027 academic year begins in early December 2026 and runs through late November 2027. The [year end school break](#) for these schools typically starts in the final week of November and lasts approximately six weeks. For Group B schools, the academic year begins in January 2027 and ends in December 2027, with their year end school break beginning in late November and running into early January 2028.

These dates mean that families with children in different state groupings may find their year end school break periods overlapping only partially. The Ministry advises parents to check their specific school's calendar early to plan family travel and other commitments.

Term Structure and Key Holiday Periods

The 2027 calendar is divided into three terms, each separated by a break. The first term runs from the start of the academic year through March, followed by a mid-term break of one to two weeks. The second term covers April through June, with another short break. The third term runs from July through the end of the school year, concluding with the year end school break.

In addition to the term breaks, the calendar includes several national public holidays that fall within school terms. These include Chinese New Year (which typically falls in January or

February), Hari Raya Aidilfitri (which shifts annually based on the Islamic lunar calendar), and Deepavali (usually in October or November). The Ministry builds these holidays into the calendar so that schools do not lose instructional days, and many schools use the holiday periods for co-curricular activities and parent-teacher conferences.

The mid-year break, which occurs in June, is a shorter holiday period lasting about two weeks. This break is separate from the year end school break and is intended for rest before the final term. Some schools also use the mid-year break for intensive revision sessions or enrichment programmes, though these are optional and depend on individual school policies.

Implications for Families and Schools

The publication of the 2027 calendar allows schools to finalise their internal schedules for examinations, sports days, and other major events. It also gives parents and guardians time to arrange childcare, holiday travel, and other family plans around the fixed school holidays.

For families with children in both Group A and Group B schools, the different dates for the year end school break can pose a logistical challenge. The Ministry does not synchronise the two groups' breaks, so parents may need to coordinate leave and travel across two different holiday windows. Some schools offer bridging programmes or holiday camps during the breaks, but these vary widely and are not centrally coordinated.

The Ministry also reminds schools that the year end school break is a period when no formal academic instruction takes place. Schools are expected to complete all curriculum coverage before the break begins. Remedial classes or supplementary sessions held during the break are subject to approval from the state education department.

How the Calendar Is Developed

The Ministry of Education sets the school calendar each year based on a set of criteria that include the number of instructional days required by law, the dates of major public holidays, and feedback from state education departments. The 2027 calendar was finalised after consultation with state authorities and teacher unions, though the Ministry has not disclosed the specific feedback it received.

The calendar is published in stages. A draft version is typically circulated to schools in the middle of the preceding year. The final version is posted on the Ministry's official website and distributed through state education departments. Schools are required to share the calendar with parents at the start of each academic year, and many post it on their own notice boards or school portals.

Practical Information for Parents

Parents who need the exact dates for their child's school should consult the official calendar published on the Ministry of Education's website or contact their child's school directly. The calendar is also available through some third-party educational resources, including the site checksekolah.my, which provides a guide to the 2027 school calendar in Malaysia, including holidays, term dates, and state groupings by the Ministry of Education.

It is important to note that the calendar applies to government and government-aided schools. Private and international schools operate on their own schedules, which may differ significantly from the Ministry's calendar. Parents of children in private schools should check with their school for specific term dates and holiday periods.

The year end school break is one of the longest holiday periods in the Malaysian school year, and many families use it for domestic travel or visits to relatives. The Ministry advises that travel during this period is heavy, and parents should book transportation and accommodation well in advance. Some schools also organise group trips or community service projects during the break, giving students an opportunity to engage in activities outside the classroom.

Looking Ahead

The 2027 calendar follows the same general pattern as previous years, with no major changes to the structure of the school year. The Ministry has indicated that it will review the calendar format periodically, but no specific changes have been announced for 2027 or 2028. The release of the 2027 calendar now gives the education community a clear timeline for planning.

For journalists and the public, the key takeaway is that the 2027 school year in Malaysia will follow a familiar rhythm, with two state groupings, three terms, and a year end school break that provides a substantial rest period before the next academic cycle begins. Schools, parents, and students are encouraged to refer to the official calendar for their specific state grouping and to plan accordingly.

About checksekolah.my: A guide to the 2027 school calendar in Malaysia, including holidays, term dates, and state groupings by the Ministry of Education.