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To: All Regional Directors of Education
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RE: 2026 TERM DATES FOR BASIC EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

Below are the 2026 Term dates for Basic Education Institutions.

A. PRE-PRIMARY, PRIMARY, JUNIOR, SENIOR AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS TERM-DATES, 2026

TERMS DATE 2025			
	OPENING	CLOSING	DURATION
Term I	5th January 2026	2nd April 2026	13 Weeks
Half term	25 th February 2026	1 st March 2026	5 Days
April Holiday	7 th April 2026	24 th April 2026	3 Weeks
Term II	27th April 2026	31st July 2026	14 Weeks
Half term	24 th June 2026	28 th June 2026	5 Days
August Holiday	3 rd August 2026	21 st August 2026	3 Weeks
Term III	24th August 2026	23rd October 2026	9 Weeks
KPSEA	26 th October 2026	29 th October 2026	4 Days
KILEA	26 th October 2026	30 th October 2026	5 Days
KJSEA & KPLEA	26 th October 2026	5 th November 2026	7 Days
KCSE	2 nd November, 2026	20 th November, 2026	3 Weeks
December Holiday	26 th October 2026	1 st January 2027	10 Weeks

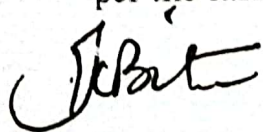
Key:

1. **KPSEA** - Kenya Primary School Education Assessment.
2. **KILEA** - Kenya Intermediate Level Education Assessment.
3. **KJSEA** - Kenya Junior School Education Assessment.
4. **KPLEA** - Kenya Pre-Vocational Level Education Assessment.

B. DIPLOMA TEACHERS TRAINING COLLEGES ACADEMIC CALENDAR, 2026

	OPENING	CLOSING	DURATION
Term I	6th January 2026	2nd April 2026	13 Weeks
April Holiday	7 th April 2026	24 th April 2026	3 Weeks
Term II	27th April 2026	31st July 2026	14 Weeks
August Holiday	3 rd August 2026	21 st August 2026	3 Weeks
Term III	24th August 2026	6th November 2026	11 Weeks
December Holiday	9 th November 2026	1 st January 2027	8 Weeks

1. This circular should be distributed to all the institutions of basic education under your jurisdiction.
2. Activities and visits to secondary schools in third term 2026 remain banned as per the earlier circulars



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