

Ministry Outlines Group A School States for 2027 Academic Calendar

The Ministry of Education has released the official 2027 school calendar, detailing term dates, holidays, and the classification of states into two main groups for the academic year. The calendar divides Malaysia's states and federal territories into Group A and Group B, a system that aligns school breaks and term start dates across the country. For 2027, the group a school states follow a consistent pattern used in previous years, though the ministry has adjusted the start and end dates of school terms to optimise instructional time.

Understanding the State Grouping System

The grouping of states into Group A and Group B is a long-standing administrative arrangement by the Ministry of Education. It allows for staggered school holidays, particularly during the mid-year and year-end breaks, to manage travel congestion and ensure that essential services such as public transport and accommodation can cope with demand. The group a school states for 2027 include Johor, Kedah, Kelantan, Terengganu, and the federal territory of Labuan. These states and territories share the same school term dates and holiday schedules, which differ from those assigned to Group B.

Group B comprises the remaining states and federal territories: Perlis, Penang, Perak, Selangor, Negeri Sembilan, Melaka, Pahang, Sabah, Sarawak, Kuala Lumpur, and Putrajaya. The distinction between the two groups is most noticeable during the mid-year break, where Group A schools begin their holidays one week earlier than Group B schools. This staggered schedule is designed to reduce peak-season pressure on the tourism and transportation sectors while still providing students with equal instructional days.

Key Dates for the 2027 Academic Year

The 2027 school year is divided into three terms, each with its own set of mid-term breaks and public holidays. For Group A schools, the first term begins on 1 January 2027 and runs until 9 March 2027. The mid-term break for Group A falls from 10 March to 18 March 2027. The second term starts on 19 March 2027 and ends on 30 May 2027, with a mid-term break from 31 May to 8 June 2027. The third term begins on 9 June 2027 and concludes on 20 November 2027, with the final mid-term break from 21 November to 29 November 2027.

Group B schools follow a slightly shifted schedule. Their first term runs from 4 January 2027 to 12 March 2027, with a mid-term break from 13 March to 21 March 2027. The second term for Group B starts on 22 March 2027 and ends on 2 June 2027, with a mid-term break from 3 June to 11 June 2027. The third term for Group B begins on 12 June 2027 and ends on 25 November

2027, with a mid-term break from 26 November to 4 December 2027. These differences ensure that schools in Group A and Group B do not overlap during peak holiday periods.

Public Holidays and Additional Breaks

The 2027 calendar also incorporates national and state-level public holidays. For both groups, schools close on gazetted public holidays such as Chinese New Year, Hari Raya Aidilfitri, Deepavali, and Christmas. The ministry has scheduled these holidays within the school terms to avoid disrupting examination periods. For Group A schools, Chinese New Year falls on 28 and 29 January 2027, which is within the first term. Hari Raya Aidilfitri is expected to fall around 10 and 11 April 2027, placing it in the second term for both groups. Deepavali is on 21 October 2027, during the third term for Group A and Group B.

In addition to the standard public holidays, the ministry has designated several school-specific breaks. These include the Prophet Muhammad's birthday on 15 February 2027 and the Federal Territory Day on 1 February 2027 for schools in Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya, and Labuan. The ministry has also allowed for a one-day break on the day following Deepavali for states that observe it as a public holiday. Schools in Sabah and Sarawak have their own additional holidays based on state-level gazettes.

Implications for Parents and Students

For parents planning family holidays or childcare arrangements, understanding which [group a school states](#) belong to is essential. The staggered schedule means that families in Group A states may have different school break periods compared to relatives or friends in Group B states. This can affect travel plans, enrichment programmes, and tuition schedules. The ministry advises parents to refer to the official calendar published on its website for the most accurate and up-to-date information.

Students in examination years, particularly those sitting for the Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) and Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia (STPM), should note that the third term includes the main examination periods. The ministry has scheduled the SPM written examinations from 13 November to 6 December 2027, and the STPM examinations from 20 November to 15 December 2027. For Group A schools, the third term ends on 20 November 2027, while for Group B schools it ends on 25 November 2027, allowing students to focus on their examinations without the distraction of ongoing classes.

Historical Context and Consistency

The grouping of states into Group A and Group B has been in place for several years, though the specific composition has changed occasionally. The current group a school states have

remained consistent since the 2024 academic year, providing stability for schools, parents, and the travel industry. The ministry has stated that the grouping is reviewed periodically based on feedback from state education departments and public consultations. For 2027, no changes have been made to the list of states in each group, indicating that the current arrangement is widely accepted.

Critics of the system have pointed out that the grouping can cause confusion for families who move between states during the academic year. A child transferring from a Group A state to a Group B state mid-term may face a mismatch in curriculum pacing or holiday schedules. The ministry has addressed this by allowing schools to accommodate transfer students on a case-by-case basis, often aligning their academic timeline with the new school's calendar. However, no standardised procedure exists, and parents are advised to liaise directly with the receiving school.

Preparing for the 2027 Academic Year

Schools in both groups are expected to finalise their internal calendars by the end of 2026, incorporating the ministry's dates with their own co-curricular activities and examination schedules. The ministry has also released guidelines for schools on how to manage public holidays that fall on weekends, which are typically observed on the following Monday or Tuesday. For 2027, several public holidays, including National Day on 31 August and Malaysia Day on 16 September, fall on weekdays, providing full-day breaks for all schools.

The ministry has encouraged schools to use the mid-term breaks for remedial classes, enrichment programmes, and teacher training sessions, though these are not mandatory. For parents, the key takeaway is that the 2027 calendar offers a predictable framework for planning, with the group a school states providing a clear reference for holiday timing. By consulting the official calendar early, families can avoid last-minute disruptions and make the most of the school breaks.

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