

## P-20 SYSTEM DEFINITION

### ABOUT

The P-20 System has been discussed in the Top 10 in 10 goals and the overall coordination of our work across offices and divisions at the Michigan Department of Education (MDE). The question is what does “P-20” mean to the multiple perspectives in the department and how can we define this terminology to serve as an MDE P-20 System definition. After a series of workgroup meetings and feedback sessions, the following definition and visual framework were designed and approved.

### DEFINITION

The P-20 System is the seamless development of all learners, prenatal through adulthood.

### P-20 SYSTEM VISUAL FRAMEWORK

The Michigan Department of Education acknowledges that development starts before birth and that learning is a life-long endeavor. The following visual framework further illustrates MDE’s definition statement of P-20. The visual framework supports MDE’s Top 10 in 10 initiative and organizes other initiatives, programs, planning, mandates, and milestones from pre-natal to adult learning along the developmental pathway.

