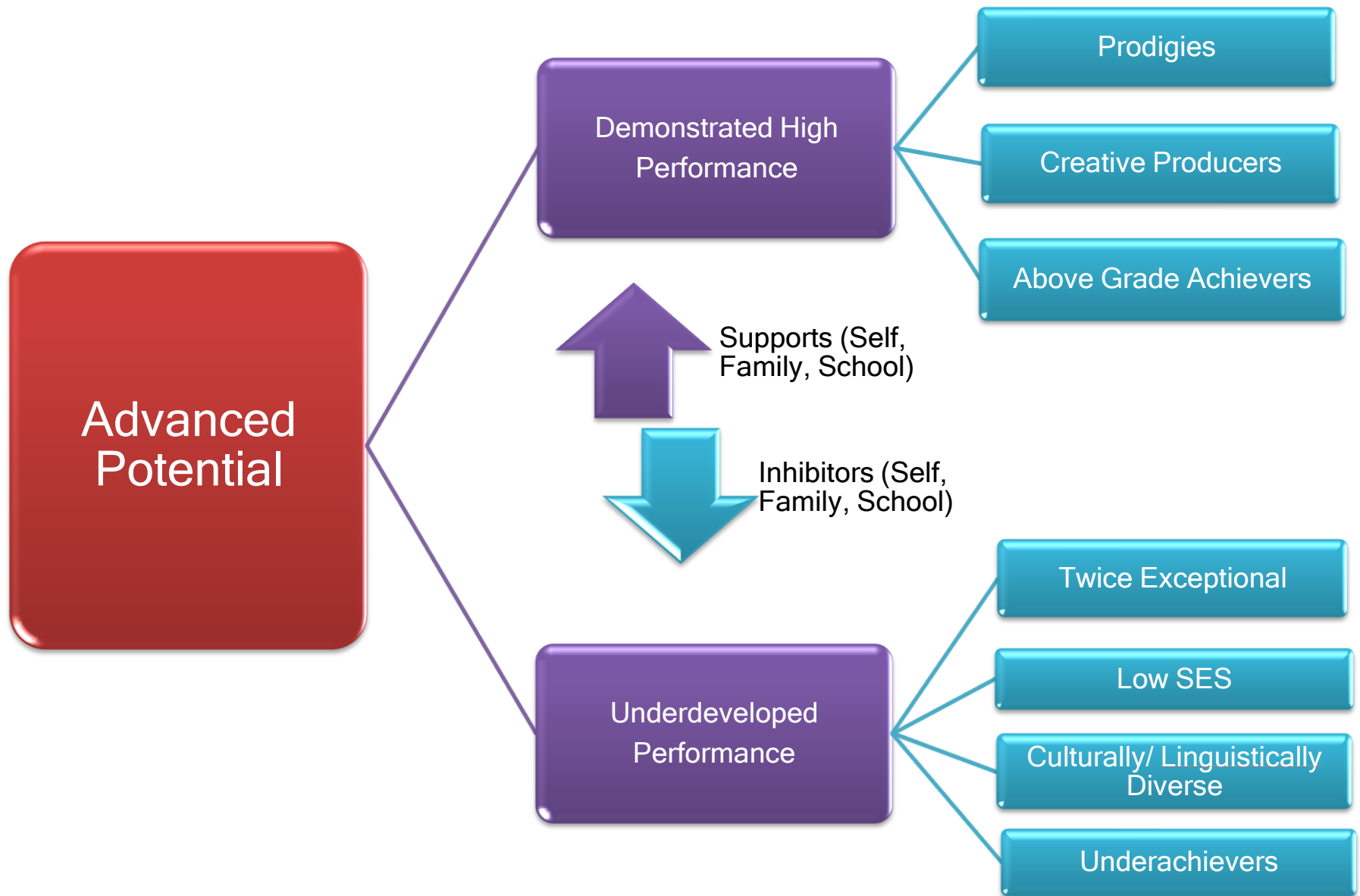


# Learners with Advanced Potential



**Students with advanced potential** (high ability students, gifted): those who perform at, or show the potential to perform at an outstanding level of achievement when compared to others of the same age, experience, or environment. This definition refers to several different types of students including those who have:

- **Demonstrated High Achievement:** Any student with advanced potential who has demonstrated high achievement in a given domain
  - Prodigy: Any exceptionally gifted or talented child in a particular domain whose performance may mirror that of an accomplished adult
  - Creative Producer
  - Above Grade Achiever: Any students whose achievement is one or more grade levels above what would be expected given his or her chronological age.
  
- **Underdeveloped Achievement:** Any student with advanced potential whose achievement may be lower than would be expected given his or her potential. Possible reasons for this underdeveloped achievement may include:
  - Twice Exceptional: Student with advanced potential who has an additional exceptionality, including students with learning disabilities, emotional or behavior disorders, or physical disabilities.
  - Low Socioeconomic Status: Student with advanced potential who has not had opportunities to learn due to poverty
  - Culturally/Linguistically Diverse: Student with advanced potential who is from a minority race or ethnicity, and/or whose primary spoken language is not English
  - Underachiever: Student with advanced potential who is not achieving commensurate with ability due to affective issues such as lack of motivation, family dynamics, peer influence, or depression.

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