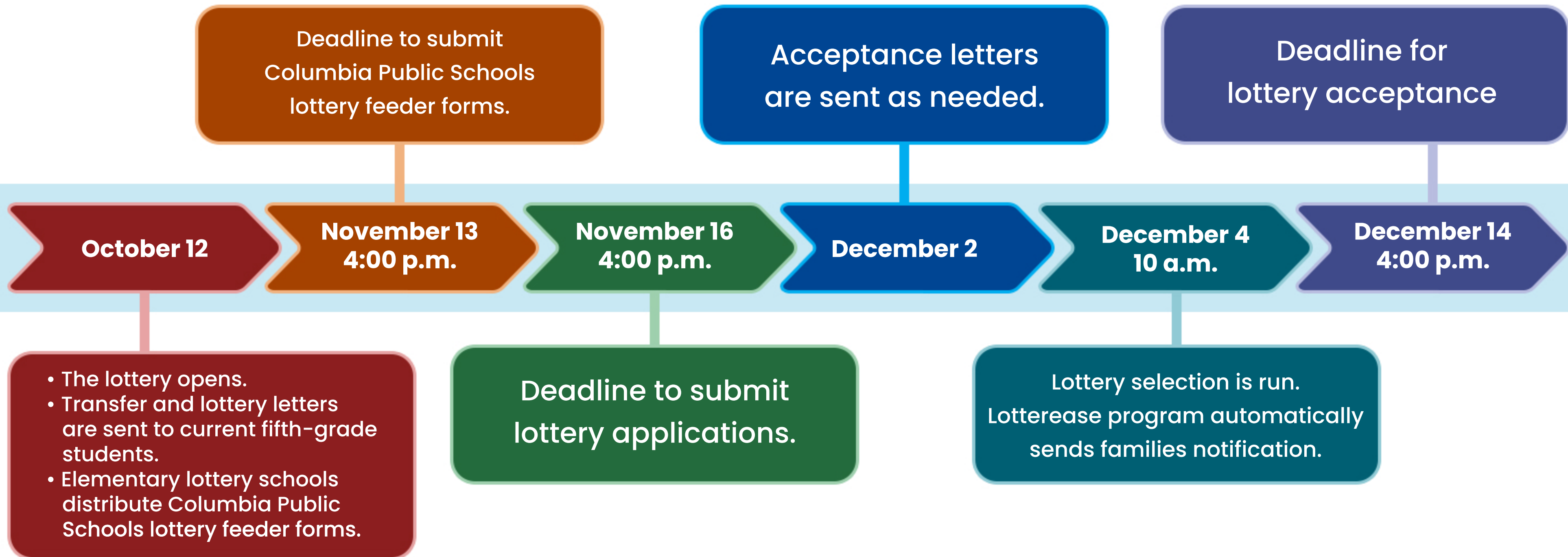


Columbia Public Schools Middle School Lottery Timeline



Eligibility for Jefferson Middle School (JMS) and West Middle School (WMS)

1. The student lives or will live within the JMS or WMS attendance area.
2. The student currently attends Benton Elementary School, Ridgeway Elementary School or Locust Street Expressive Arts Elementary School. This practice will remain in place through the 2029–2030 school year.
3. The student is the child of a JMS or WMS employee.

Elementary Lottery Note

Jefferson Middle Lottery has changed beginning in the 2025–2026 school year. Starting with incoming kindergarten classes in 2024–2025 and beyond, students who go to Kindergarten THROUGH THE LOTTERY SYSTEM (Ridgeway, Benton and Locust) will not have a spot at Jefferson Middle School. All CPS 5th graders have the opportunity to enter the Jefferson Middle School Lottery. This does not affect current 1st – 5th graders at Ridgeway, Benton and Locust.