

Student Piano Guide for Piano Lessons

Acoustic Piano = Best (Upright or Grand) Pianos have 88 keys

Digital Piano = Better (88 keys, **weighted keys/touch sensitive**)

(-Keyboard = Requires touch sensitivity; Needs at least 61 keys but student will need to upgrade after 3-6-12 months of Lessons to develop better technique & for more advanced piano pieces)

See Article for more suggestions:

www.hoffmanacademy.com/blog/Choosing an Instrument for the Beginning Student

	Digital Piano (88 keys)	Upright/Grand Piano
Brands	*Yamaha	*Yamaha
(*)recommended	Roland	*Boston
	Casio	Kawai
	Kawai	Schimmel
Both Piano types can be rented @ Local Jacksonville music stores:	Price ranges: \$600-2,000+ Look for Weighted or Graded Hammer Action keys	\$4,000-8,000 (consult a <i>piano technician</i> first if buying used) <i>Jason Hilton</i> (www.pianoboss.com)
<u>Keyboard Connection</u> 9912 San Jose Blvd. Jacksonville, FL 32257 (904) 880-0002	Preferred Models Bold* = recommended	Amazon.com Prices @ July 2017 (+ Most with Amazon Prime/Free Shipping)
<u>Kelly's Piano & Organ, Inc.</u> www.kellyspiano.com 1716 University Blvd. N. Jacksonville, FL 32211 (904) 743-3822	* Yamaha DGX 660 (88 key weighted action/ Digital Grand or Portable Grand)	\$819.99 Bundle: *Yamaha DGX-660 88 Key Grand Digital Piano with Knox Piano Bench, Pedal, Dust Cover, Book/DVD); or \$799.99 Premium: (comes with music Stand but no pedal)
<u>George's Music</u> http://www.georgesmusic.com/keyboards/ Jacksonville Beach 912 S. Third St Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250 (904) 270-2220 Orange Park 8151 Blanding Blvd Jacksonville, FL 32244 (904) 777-9393	Yamaha P115; P45	*P115: \$599.99 (newer) P45: \$449.99
	Casio Privia *PX360 (newer) or PX350	*PX 360: \$929.99 Value Bundle (Stand, pedal, and bench) PX 360: \$1,049.99 Premium Bundle PX 360BK: \$899 (piano only ; Free Shipping + Price@10/2017) PX350: \$839.99 Bundle (stand, pedal, book/DVD, cover)

	Casio Privia PX160	\$611.91: Essentials Bundle (piano+ pedal, stand, bench, headphones, cover); \$499 (piano only , no pedal/accessories)
	Yamaha YDP 143R (Arius) Console Digital Piano	\$1,099.99
	(Any models Yamaha YDP 142B/R through 181, YDP-V240	\$999-1,999.99