

Senior Portrait Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need to have a parent with me?

Yes. For all senior portrait sessions where the subject is under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must be in attendance.

What should I look for when deciding on a location?

Look for locations that show the different aspects of your personality. Things to look for when deciding on a location are: deserted houses, farms with weathered wood barns or sheds, untended yards with tall (not mowed) grass and shade trees, rusting junk cars or trucks, downtown, alleys, interesting architecture, etc.

What about the weather?

Cloudy days are the best for photography. If the forecast calls for rain, I'll wait until your session time to decide whether to continue or reschedule.

When is the best time of the year to schedule my session?

Late Spring and early Summer offer lush, green colors and comfortable weather. In mid-to-late Summer, the heat, humidity, and mosquitoes cause problems. Fall can be difficult with wind and rain as well as school or sports schedules.

Do you have any suggestions on what to wear?

Girls

Earth-tones and dark colors photograph best. Dark sweatshirts, solid colored or flowered dresses, dark jeans, shorts, leather jackets, denim jackets, old worn clothing, hat, bandana, scarf, flannel shirt, sports uniforms, etc. Absolutely do not wear any big stripes, busy patterns, or shiny materials. Unless your arms are tanned and very thin, do not wear sleeveless, spaghetti straps. They will make your upper arms look large and muscular. Do not wear overalls because they will widen the waist and hips. Baggy or white jeans can add weight to thighs. You should also not wear contrasting items such as a light top with a dark skirt, a white shirt under a sweater, or white undershirts.

Guys

Solid, medium-toned sweaters, plain t-shirts, long-sleeved dark shirts, flannel or small print shirts, jeans, baggy pants, leather or denim jackets, clothing with ripped holes, sport coats, sports uniforms, hats, etc.

Other Suggestions

Your clothes in your closet photograph better than new cloths. It isn't necessary to go shopping.

Girls should be aware of potential bra problems with clothing selections. Things to be aware of are straps showing, a bra showing through a thin top, decorative texture on a bra causing bumpiness in the outfit top, etc.

Long sleeves are best.

Match clothing to your location, prop, and the season.

If planning to wear cheerleading, sports, honor guard, etc. outfits, choose a location that is appropriate for them such as a school gym, field, etc.

On sunny days, sunglasses are an absolute must!

If you regularly suntan, don't suntan your face. Tans make faces photograph oily, dirty, and dark.

What should I bring?

If desired, bring additional outfits. Please let me know during the initial portrait consultation if you are bringing additional outfits so we can ensure arrangements are made in regards to changing. Combs, hairbrushes, and makeup, if you wear it.

If it's chilly outside, bring a jacket. If it's warm, bring a towel to dry your face. Bring snacks and drinks if you have small children. Favorite items or props such as musical instruments, family heirlooms, sports equipment, pets, and even vehicles can add interest to your portrait.

Please be aware that working with pets can be a time consuming process and may result in fewer photographs be taken during your session. Also, let me know during the initial portrait consultation if you plan to bring a pet so we can ensure that it's appropriate for the location. Make sure you bring supplies such as leashes, water bowl, treats, toys, etc.

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