



Important Tips On How to Get a Great Senior Portrait.

The most important tip of all is to choose an experienced photographer that can take the style of photos you want and that you feel comfortable with.

Clothes

- Bring a VARIETY of outfits. It's a good idea to include both casual and more formal outfits in your senior portraits. You choose a couple and let mom choose one or two, that way everyone is happy. **Make sure everything is properly ironed before you leave the house.**
- Medium to dark colors are generally best. Warm tones are best for outdoor portraits. Remember, darker colors minimize body size.
- Select colors and necklines which are most complimentary to you. Some outdoor locations do not have private changing facilities. A selection of outerwear helps to make quick changes in looks (ie. sweater, jacket, scarf).
- Coordinate your outfit from head to toe. Some poses may show your shoes so don't forget to bring shoes & socks for each outfit that you plan to wear.
- Traditional styles will stand the test of time and keep your portrait looking fresh for years to come.
- Busy patterns, logos, and loud colors can be very distracting in your portraits. Avoid large & bold patterns that might tend to draw attention away from your face. Your face should be the focal point of your portraits. Long sleeves and solid colors or very subtle prints are usually the most flattering in portraits.

Hair

- **DO NOT** have a fresh haircut. If you need a trim, have it done about a week before.
- Hair should be styled as you normally wear it. Be sure and bring a brush and mirror for touch ups.
- **GUYS:** Shaving just before your sitting is suggested.

Make-up

- Make-up should be done prior to your appointment time.
- Finger nails may show so make sure they look good too. Avoid bright nail polish colors that may draw attention from your face.
- We can retouch blemishes that are bothersome to you, so don't worry.

Last, But Not Least. . .

Accessories

- Don't forget your class ring.
- Props can help to show your personality and record the types of activities you are involved in.
- Be sure to bring some of your own props to your portrait session. Here are some ideas:
 - Musical Instrument
 - Letterman Jacket
 - Uniform
 - Hats
 - Sports Equipment
 - Sunglasses
 - Pets (check with the studio ahead of time)
 - A Friend or Two

Friends

- Everyone: Bring a friend or two for some fun photos
- **Girls:** Bring a parent or guardian.

Contact Dennis at Studio 101 West for great portraits that last a lifetime: **805/460.6300**