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Clothing Tips for the High School Senior Portrait Session

Hair - Guys & Gals ~

Wear your hair the way you usually do! Don't try anything new this will only look unnatural. We suggest you style your hair as you do every day. Bring in your hairspray to hold that unruly hair in place. Please be sure your hair is just the way you want it. Hair changes cannot be made on the finished portrait. Remember to bring hair spray, barrettes, clips, curling iron, etc. to your portrait session. If you are interested we do have a professional make-up and hair stylist. When you set up your portrait session we will be happy to make the appointment for your hair and make-up. Payment for that will be handled directly with our stylist.

Guys ~

A note about shaving. . . Shaving right before your portrait is recommended. Five o'clock shadow is extremely hard and costly to remove once your photographs are taken.

Make-Up ~

Make up should be applied for your portrait session. Wear your make-up the way you normally wear your make-up, just like your hair we suggest not trying something new but try to get a more natural look. Pay attention to your application of powder. You want a more matte finish to your skin. If you want a more professional look we suggest using our make-up artist. She will not have you look "made-up" or unnatural. She will only enhance your natural beauty.

Glasses ~

If you normally wear glasses we suggest wearing them for your portraits. It will be necessary that you borrow a set of just frames/no lenses from your eye doctor. This will eliminate any reflection or glare as well as distortion your glasses will cause.

Braces ~

If you want your braces removed from your portraits we can do it digitally for a nominal fee. Ask us for details.

Personal Props Bring in something to express your life-style, whether it be a musical instrument, sports equipment, a hobby or even your family pet. If you are bringing in a pet please tell us at the time you schedule your portrait session special considerations will need to be made. Your own prompts help tell the story of who you are!

Clothing ~

A usual senior session consists of three or more clothing changes.

Traditional ~

Gray, blues, blacks, browns, greens, teals, purples, and reds. Stay away from strips or prints

Guys ~ Suits & Tie. If you are just wearing a dress shirt and tie avoid the plain white shirt and go for the darker toned colors.

Girls ~ Soft sweaters with classic jewelry. Shirts that are dark and solid colors.

Window Light ~

Cool - whites, blues, teals, greens. Feminine fabrics
Warm - off whites, soft umber browns, greens. Soft airy fabric
Dark - dark solids, blacks, reds, purples, brown.
brick wall - solid colors.

White/Hi-key ~

All white outfit, pastels or white and black for a dramatic look. Primary colors. Sports uniforms and personal props.

Casual ~

Blue jeans, khaki's. Layered look for depth and texture.

Outdoors ~

Blue jeans, whites, khaki's, sundresses. Sports, hobbies equipment and props.

What to avoid ~

Short short's and very short skirts, you will be sitting on the floor for some poses. Loud patterns, strips. Sleeveless shirts. Clothing with any wording on the front.

What looks best ~

Student and parents should each pick an outfit they would like to see in the photographs. Remember solid colors work out best. Choose colors that will bring out your skin tones. Please bring your clothing pressed and on hangers. Check your total look from head to toe; make sure your shoes are clean and free from scuffs. If you can see through your clothing bring in something to wear underneath. If you have any question please feel free to ask us for help.

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