

# Clothing Tips for Your Senior Portrait Session

## What to Wear

We've put together a few suggestions on clothing to help you have a great portrait session creating truly flattering images.

First and foremost, you really want your face and expressions to stand out in your portrait. Everything else is secondary. When photographed against a medium or dark background, dark or medium toned colors photograph best for your close-up poses. And of course, darker shades are more slimming.

For shirts and tops, avoid colors that are too similar to your skin color. (These might be a brown, beige, tan, or very pale peach and very pale gray). For many people these shades can drain the color from your face, making you appear washed-out.

Bring a variety of color don't bring all blue outfits even if it is your favorite color. Change up the style, bring some dressy, some semi-dressy, and some casual outfits that express who you are.

When planning your outfits think about your complete look from head to toe. We will be taking photos that are close-up, full length, and some in between. So you want to think about shoes and accessories too.

## Casual and Stylish

Casual portraits give you much more variety in clothing, color and style. We can also be much more creative with our digital imaging.

### Girls

You can choose your favorite sports outfit, sundress, slouchy sweaters, shorts or jeans outfit. Pick the colors you really like. Chances are they're colors others say look really good on you, too. Textures are great, as are interesting hats, belts, jackets and scarves.

### Guys

You can choose your jeans, casual or sports wear, letterman jacket. You may want to bring your sports uniform and equipment.

## Dressier Looks

### Girls

Wear a neckline that is flattering to your face and neck: Round faces, square jaw lines, or shorter necks look best in a v-neck as opposed to a round or crew neck. Thin faces, pointy chins, and very long necks look better in a boat neck, crew neck, or round neckline.

Avoid tops with large, contrast, distracting patterns. Solid colors are much better. Unless your arms are super-skinny, avoid short sleeves because they make arms look heavier and shorter. If you feel your arms are heavy, sleeveless looks are great but avoid "spaghetti" straps. They too can draw attention away from the face.

### **Guys**

A sport coat and pants work great. An alternative look would be a dress shirt and a sweater that is a solid color or has a slight pattern. If you want to wear only a dress shirt and tie, wear a colored shirt. White shirts look best under a jacket.