

Session Tips

ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING

Make your portrait day fun and try not to worry before the session. This is the start of your 'Senior Experience' and it begins with your senior portrait. Be positive, have fun, and you and your photographer will create some amazing images.

Our photographer's work style is casual and relaxing, making the session more comfortable for you. We may sacrifice a perfect pose to capture that image that really expresses your essence. Our goal is to capture who you are.

YOUR SESSION DAY

Make sure you are well rested.

Be sure you are not hungry.

It's best to reschedule your session if you're not feeling well, or you're sunburnt, you have noticeable tan lines, etc. It's not an issue. Just give us a call.

CLOTHING AND PROP SUGGESTIONS

Solid colors, or small prints, are best for portraits.

Bring belts, jewelry, matching socks, and all accessories.

Casual portraits look great when wearing comfortable clothes in solid colors or soft pastels.

We **do not** suggest wearing white for your formal head and shoulder school portraits. White tends to make subjects look larger.

We **do not** recommend strong patterns because they can be distracting in an image. Avoid clothing that is busy, or has large logos.

Colors for summer and spring - medium tones in blue, green, pink, purple, tan, or brown look good. Darker shades tend to be more slimming.

Colors for fall - we recommend medium to dark tones; black, green, brown, rust, wine or blue.

Long sleeves and slacks, or denim, always photograph well.

Please wear outfits that fit well. Clothing that is too tight will look tight. Clothing that is too loose, looks big and baggy.

Dress head to toe. Many poses include feet. Poses maybe taken barefoot as well.

Ladies - Make sure toes and fingernails are painted or old polish is removed.

Undergarment straps are often removed digitally which costs you money. Please keep straps in mind when preparing your outfits.

Tan lines, sunburns, black eyes, may be digitally fixed, which costs money. We suggest rescheduling.

Bring your props, which have been a part of your life. These make your images more meaningful and personal.

If a pet is going to be included in the portrait, bring in a water dish, travel kennel or a pet handler. Your pet will not be in every image. We have a pet chain in our backyard if needed.

***Please let us know in advance if bringing pets.**

Other Important Info

We recommend that you wear make-up no heavier than you would for an evening out. Do not apply heavy make-up over blemishes. Blemishes can be removed within our portrait package options. Ladies, we recommend a light foundation and powder to reduce **facial shine** and to even your skin tone. Please bring your powder for touch ups. Powder would be great for guys as well.

Wear your hair the way you like it best. Haircuts should take place a week before your session. Fresh cuts show skin that isn't tan. Gentlemen, come in with a fresh shave. **Five o'clock shadows** cannot be retouched. Very light hair spray will tame loose ends that may catch light and show in an image.

Jewelry should be kept simple and to a minimum. Avoid flashy bracelets because they can be distracting.

AVOID ARTWORK FEES

Nails - Please remove/touch up nail polish or Band-Aids that you don't want in the image. Trim, file and remove and/or touch up old polish from your fingers and toenails. These things cannot be fixed or removed later without paying additional artwork fees.

Glasses - The best way to photograph glasses is to remove the glass and be photographed in frames only. For this reason, we suggest you speak with your optometrist about borrowing an empty pair of frames that resemble yours. We are very capable of photographing glasses, however, glass glare will happen. Artwork fees are available to remove the lighting seen.

PREVIEWS AND ORDERING

Images are typically ready to view online within 2 business days.

An order consultation is often set prior to your session day, or this happens the day of your session. Burns Photography offers discounts on portrait orders placed within 2 weeks of your session. Our sales associates and customer service personnel are here to answer any questions you may have.

We're looking forward to meeting you!

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