

SENIOR

A young man with short brown hair, wearing a white t-shirt and blue jeans, stands with his hands in his pockets in front of a red classic Ford Mustang. The background shows a large stadium with tiered seating under a bright sky. The overall tone is warm and nostalgic.

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WELCOME



WELL HELLO THERE!

I'M SO HAPPY YOU'RE HERE!

Can you believe it?! You're headed straight towards graduation! (I can promise you that your parents can't believe it's happening.) It's almost time to celebrate! I'm excited for you to always remember your twelfth year with giggles and happiness. Senior photos are the best way to capture and share your excitement about graduating and finishing such an important chapter in your life.

Your senior photo experience should be super easy, stress-free and one that you remember for years to come. The photographer you've chosen will see to that! This PDF will help you and your parent/guardian prepare for your photo sessions, show off what makes you uniquely you, and deliver some timeless images you can't wait to share.

First off, look for a photographer whose sessions are very laidback and simple, that way you'll end up with photos that are fun and perfectly YOU.





PROFESSIONAL

WHY HIRE A PROFESSIONAL FOR YOUR SENIOR PHOTO SESSION?

This is your senior year, which is a very special time in your life. And while you could probably get a friend with an iPhone or family member with "good camera" to take some photos of you, they simply won't be able to produce what a professional photographer can.

When you work with an experienced photographer, you get to benefit from their years of experience, which includes knowing how to work with light, where to find the best locations for your shoot, and how to compose a great shot. Not to mention the fact that they're skilled editors and know exactly how to make you look incredible in every photo.

And remember, all of that experience means he or she will also know how to bring your unique style and personality through in each and every image and will be there to guide you on how to pose and smile in order to get the best photos.

A professional photographer is the best person to guide you during the photo selection process too, helping you choose the best shots for printing and your album. Since most photographers have been shooting and printing images for years, they know exactly which paper, canvas sizes and printers to use to get the job done right, giving you beautiful photos that you can display in your home, in an album or on social media.

You only get to be a senior once so don't miss the chance to capture some great photos of yourself by using a friend or family member instead of a professional for your senior shoot.





4 TOP TIPS FOR A *picture perfect*

SENIOR PHOTO SESSION



Whether you're already comfortable in front of the camera or you're more on the camera-shy side, you should look and feel your best during your entire senior photo session. Here are four ways to prepare beforehand for a great photoshoot experience.





1. WEAR CLOTHES YOU'RE COMFORTABLE IN.

Throughout your photoshoot, you'll be posing in different ways -- sitting, standing, walking, jumping, etc. If you're wearing a dress that you're constantly adjusting because it doesn't fit right or shoes that pinch your toes, it'll be difficult for you to relax and really live in the moment. Wear an outfit that you can move comfortably in and that makes you feel good about yourself.

2. LOOK YOUR BEST -- WHATEVER THAT MEANS FOR YOU.

Try to look nice for your senior portraits -- but make sure you still look like you. Dress up a bit, but don't wear a dress or a suit if it's something you don't usually wear. It's great to put on some makeup to help your features pop in front of the camera, but don't pile it on if that's not what you usually do. If you feel your best, you'll look your best. Make sure your clothes are ironed and fit properly.

3. CHOOSE A PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER YOU CAN TRUST. (THAT'S ME!)

Selfies work fine for your Instagram story -- but they just won't cut it when it comes to your graduation announcements. Look for a professional photographer who specializes in senior portraits. Take a look at their portfolio to make sure you like their work. As long as your photographer knows what they're doing, they'll be able to make sure you look great and feel comfortable.

4. LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION!

If you're a little nervous about spending so much time in front of the camera, choose an environment that makes you feel at home. I'm great at finding those really neat spots. Remember, I'm an Atlanta native which means I have the secret places right in my little brain. Pick a photoshoot location that's significant to you. But if nothing comes to mind, outdoor locations or studios with plenty of natural light are great for photos. I'm great at finding all the neat spots!





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**INSTA-
WORTHY
PHOTOS
FOR EVERY
HIGH SCHOOL
SENIOR**





1. POSED PORTRAITS

After all, isn't that what your parents are after? We'll make sure you get a few smiling, posed portrait shots to choose from.

2. THEMED SHOTS

Whether you were a student body officer, the star quarterback, a stellar pianist, or even the class clown, we'll get a few shots that reflect the activities that made your high school experience unique.

3. GOOFY PHOTOS

Once we're done taking the posed photos, let loose a little! Stick your tongue out, jump around, take some intentionally cheesy photos.

4. FORMAL SHOTS

Now's your chance to get all dressed up. Bring along a more formal outfit for some beautifully elegant shots.

5. CANDID PHOTOS

We'll make sure to get a few photos of you genuinely smiling, laughing, and just being your authentic self.

6. CAP AND GOWN PICTURES

A classic cap and gown photo is a definite must for any graduating senior. Snap a few shots in your graduation attire before walking up on the stage and accepting your diploma.





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PHOTO PRODUCTS

EVERY MOM NEEDS

FROM YOUR SENIOR SESSION

1. HIGH-QUALITY PRINTS

Don't forget about ordering prints once you get those digital files! Sharing online is great, but having that actual print in hand? It's always a treasure. And family members LOVE those. (pssst...you can earn this for free!

3. PHOTO ALBUM

A coffee table book of your favorite images is always a good idea. My linen albums are just perfect for parents and gifts for family members, too.

2. GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your mom will likely want to use some of the photos taken to create graduation announcements. I can certainly help with ordering those products toward the end of your year. Party invitations are a great idea, too.

4. DIGITAL FILES

Clients always love digital files. With those digitals, you'll be able to make additional prints in the future, save the files on your computer or a flash drive, and share your favorite photos on social media.





HOW TO SHOW YOUR **PERSONALITY** AT YOUR SENIOR PORTRAIT SESSION



I'm going to let you in on a little secret: your high school senior portraits don't have to look just like everyone else's. In fact, they shouldn't! There's only one you. You're unique, and so was your high school experience. Every high school senior should infuse their senior session with their interests, style, and unique personality. Here are a few ways you can do that!

BRING PROPS

Show off what you love to do and what you're best at by bringing a few props to your shoot. Did you play in the orchestra? Bring along your violin. Did you play high school soccer? Grab your cleats and a soccer ball. Did you star in the school play? Bring along your tap shoes or the hat you wore in the role. Don't be afraid to make your photos your own!

WEAR A FAVORITE OUTFIT

Don't dress like someone you're not. Resist the urge to go out and buy a brand new outfit for your photo session. Instead, wear something you already love. Dress in an outfit that makes you feel great, shows off your individual style, and expresses who you are. If you're a dancer, bring your favorite dance costume.



TAKE PHOTOS AT YOUR FAVORITE LOCATION

Consider doing your photoshoot at a place that's meaningful to you -- and don't be afraid to get creative! Did you spend all your time in the high school art room? Get a few shots of you at work on a canvas. Did you spend countless hours at football practice? Snap a few photos on the field. Did you walk over to the nearest Taco Bell during lunchtime every day? Strike a pose with a burrito. The more creative, the better!

SHOW OFF YOUR LESS SERIOUS SIDE

Sure, you'll want to get some posed formal shots for Mom -- but that doesn't mean all of your senior photos need to be that way. Get a few fun, candid shots of you just being you! Make a funny face, strike some silly model poses, balance a football on your head -- don't be afraid to goof off a little in front of the camera.

BRING YOUR PET

High school friends may come and go, but your furry friends are as loyal as they come. Bring your pet along to your senior session to make your senior photos even cuter. Just make sure you let your photographer know beforehand that you'll be bringing an animal along.



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