NFOCUS PHOTOGRAPHY

One of the most important factors in creating a successful portrait is having the right clothing. We have prepared some tips on how to plan for your session. We will discuss more of what to plan for at your design appointment.

High School Sr. Girls

Arrive on Time

Please arrive on time. It you are late, that cuts our time in the camera room.

Clothing

Bring a variety of colors and styles of clothing. All one look can be boring! We suggest you bring more than what you plan on wearing, that way we can discuss the best options for " your look". It is also always a good idea to bring something white and something brown or black or better yet - both brown and black clothing items.

If you are going for an urban style, bring those petty skirts, leggings, jeggings, jackets, sneakers, boots, hats, bows, and scarfs.

Some of the shots will be full length and some close up, so plan outfits accordingly – even down to the shoes or bare feet!

Please make sure your outfits are ironed and on hangars. If you are wearing jewelry, also have that planned out.

Make sure your clothing flatters you. If you think you have large arms, be careful with sleeveless styles.

We don't really tell you what you can or can't wear. A little sexy is ok – but don't make all your outfits that way. We photograph everything from swimsuits to prom dresses.

It is so important that you have the proper undergarments. Make sure you have the appropriate colors to work with your clothing selections. Also, if wearing strapless clothing, bring strapless undergarments. Tucking the straps down, usually shows and looks bad. Additional art charges may be incurred in order to remove straps from your portraits. Also, with today's lightweight fabrics, carefully select your pieces.

Makeup

Girls generally have their makeup professionally done for prom and it is even more important to have it professionally done for your Senior Portraits. After all these are the images that will be displayed on your walls for years!

If you choose to DIY, makeup should be slightly heavier than what you normally wear, more importantly, take extra care in the application of it. Foundation is very important to even out your skin tones. Be sure that it matches your skin tone. Avoid makeup with sparkles in it; in a photo it can leave a little white spot that resembles a zit.

Also, avoid makeup with an SPF in it; in photos it tends to create an oily shine.
Avoid clumpy mascara, it should be contain no lumps.
Also, **very important - bring a lip color** - you will be amazed how much better you will look in photographs.

Hair
Don't do anything drastic before your session. Let it be natural. It is fine to bring your styling tools and products with to change your look.
We try to help with stray hairs etc, but it is hard to know what your look is, so ultimately your style is your responsibility.

Sunburn and Tan lines
Not attractive in portraits! Vary your swimsuit tops to minimize your tan lines. Do not overdo your tanning, skin that looks like dark leather is not very attractive.
Avoid sunburn. Sunburn and pealing skin DO NOT photograph well. Additionally, art charges are applied to fix these types of problems and sometimes they can not be fixed.

Spray Tans
Avoid them when preparing for your session…More times than not, in your photographs you will look *orange.*

Complexion
We can retouch blemishes, so don't worry about minor breakouts!

Finger and Toe Nails
NAILS will show! If they have all the polished chipped or faded it will show! Many casual shots are done barefoot, so have those toes looking good as well. It is best to avoid bright colors. Natural seems to work best.

Glasses
Most glasses create glare. If you plan on wearing them, check with your optometrist. They may loan you an empty set that look similar to yours.

Friends and Parents
They are always welcome. It is a great time to spend together.

Pets
Pets are fine, as long as they are housebroken.   It is a good idea to bring someone with who can take them back home or bring a pet carrier.

Props and Locations
Tell us your ideas - they help define you!

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