



Tips for a successful photo shoot.

Choose your setting:

- First and foremost, don't be shy requesting a location.
- Choose a setting that you are comfortable in and one that you can enjoy as the location and setting you choose will reflect in the final images.
- If you are an outgoing individual and don't mind being the center attention for a few hours, we can shoot on the streets of downtown Denver. If you're a bit more reserved, a quiet park might be perfect for you.
- Although the shooting location is important, it is much less important than choosing the right clothing and accessories or getting a good night sleep before your photo shoot. Remember, senior photos are 80% about you, the subject, and 20% about the shooting location!

Clothing:

- As a rule of thumb, If you want to have your photos taken outside.... keep your clothing nice yet casual. A formal event gown or a three-piece suit at Red Rocks are not only difficult to maneuver inthey just don't fit the location. Same reason one wouldn't wear shorts and a t-shirt for formal indoor studio portraits!!!
- Choose a VARIETY of outfits. It is a good idea to include both casual and formal outfits in your senior portraits. You choose a few and let Mom choose one or two, that way everyone is happy.
- Busy patterns and loud colors can be very distracting in your portraits. Limit large and bold patterns that might tend to draw attention away from your face. Generally, your senior portrait should be of YOU, not your clothes. An exception would be for a contemporary black and white portrait, if that is your preference.
- Wherever possible try to avoid clothing with large patterns, short sleeve tops, strapless tops and oversized clothing as it can give the appearance of adding extra weight in photographs. The only exception would be for those having photos taken in full length dresses, and longer skirts.
- Colors are important. As a rule of thumb, solids always look flattering. Try to choose one light color, a dark color and one color that complements your eyes. In addition colors can be bright.... just not overpowering!
- Traditional styles will stand the test of time and keep your portrait looking fresh for years to come, but also bring some different clothes for "fun" poses.
- Some poses will show your shoes, so don't forget to bring shoes and socks for each outfit that you plan to wear.
- Your face and eyes are always the focal point of your portraits. Long sleeve solids or VERY subtle prints are usually the most flattering in portraits.
- Don't forget to accessorize your outfits with belts, jewelry, hats and coats.

Accessories, props and other tips:

- We encourage the use of some accessories in our images. If you're into sports, bring a ball or jersey to your shoot. If you like music, bring an instrument along. Have a hot car, we like shooting seniors with cars! You get the idea!
- Outdoor photo shoots can get crazy in Denver. Bring a comb, brush to your shoot just in case.
- Each photo shoot will last about 2 hours or longer depending on your needs. If shooting outdoors, bring a bottle of water along to stay hydrated.
- If you have an idea for a photo, have seen concept images you really like on the internet, please let us know or bring a few samples with you to your shoot to share with us. There are literally thousands of concept images out there for senior photos. If there is any particular style(s) that you like, it makes all of our jobs easier on the day of your shoot if you if you can share some of them with us to get the process started.