

# color choices

Do you get compliments when you wear a certain color? Wear that color for your senior portraits.

## Choose colors that:

- compliment your skin tone
- you like to wear
- coordinate with backgrounds you like & props you bring

## Black and White

Think about wearing white or black. White is a timeless color that adds a soft and subtle look to your portraits. Black looks good on everyone. It is a dramatic color and never goes out of style!

## Layering

Layer up! Bring jackets and hoodies. Layer your look and bring what you wear every day.

## Variety

Bring a variety of colors and styles. Dress from head to toe so posing is not limited. Bring more clothes than you need and Tad will help you pick which outfits will work best. Don't forget to bring shoes to match your outfits.

# girls-



Be unique! Bring clothes/accessories that fit your personality. It is always smart to bring a good selection of tops, polos, button ups, sweaters, jackets and t-shirts, as well as a variety of bottoms, including jeans, skirts, dresses, shorts, and capris. Don't forget to bring great accessories and shoes you love; these simple details create your look, and add interesting detail. We suggest also bringing sophisticated black outfits or jeans with a simple top. Variety is key to a well balanced portfolio of images to choose from.

Think about what props you'd like to bring. Be sure to bring sports equipment or uniforms, but also think about your hobbies and other things you enjoy. Maybe you're a singer, a writer, artist or actress! Bring the props that show those aspects of your life as well. Many girls also choose to bring their favorite flower to coordinate with a prom dress (or other outfit).

Bring the clothes, props and accessories that make you

# you!

Everything that tells your story

# what not to wear

- Clothes that are too tight or uncomfortable
- Cap sleeves - your arms may look bigger than they are
- Limit patterns - they tend to distract from your face
- Shorts that are too short (limits posing options, we suggest testing it out while looking in your mirror)
- Horizontal stripes (may make you appear larger than you are)
- Oversized/bulky clothes (make you look bigger than you are)
- Low cut necklines (they limit posing and may show more cleavage than you intend)

## head & shoulders portrait

Bring a medium to dark toned solid long sleeved shirt for this traditional portrait. Choose a neckline that is flattering, V or scoop neck are most slimming. Let us know if you'd like to use our drape.

## Diamond light

Ask about our newest lighting innovation; As the name implies, it leaves a special sparkle in your eye.

## High contrast image

For the perfect high contrast image, bring a dark top for a dark background, or a light top for a light background. For this portrait, you'll want to apply a bit more eye makeup and lipstick (the bright light can make your lips look washed out and colorless). If you are planning on doing the wet look, please bring a towel for your wet hair.

## suggested packing list

### Props:

- \_\_\_ Sports Equipment
- \_\_\_ Hobbies
- \_\_\_ Pet(s)
- \_\_\_ Books
- \_\_\_ Favorite Flower
- \_\_\_ Towel (wet looks)

We have the following sports props available:

- Basketballs
- Football
- Soccer Balls

### Tops:

- \_\_\_ Long sleeved, solid, medium/dark colored
- \_\_\_ Tank Top(s)
- \_\_\_ T-Shirt(s)
- \_\_\_ Sweater(s)
- \_\_\_ Jacket(s) or Hoodie(s)
- \_\_\_ Dress(es)

### Bottoms:

- \_\_\_ Jeans
- \_\_\_ Shorts
- \_\_\_ Capris
- \_\_\_ Skirt(s)

### Other Outfits to consider:

These outfits are optional - some seniors choose to bring them to personalize their session.

- \_\_\_ Prom Dress(es)
- \_\_\_ Sports Outfit(s)
- \_\_\_ School/Club T-Shirt(s)
- \_\_\_ Favorite Team Apparel
- \_\_\_ Grad Cap and Gown
- \_\_\_ Winter Hat/Gloves

### Accessories:

- \_\_\_ Necklace(s)
- \_\_\_ Bracelet(s)
- \_\_\_ Earrings
- \_\_\_ Belt(s)
- \_\_\_ Scarf(s)
- \_\_\_ Purse(s)
- \_\_\_ Headband(s)

### Shoes:

- \_\_\_ High Heels
- \_\_\_ Flip Flops
- \_\_\_ Sneakers
- \_\_\_ Wedges
- \_\_\_ Shoes to match your sport outfits



# glasses

If glasses are a part of your everyday look, they should definitely be a part of your senior portraits. Some seniors choose to borrow a lensless pair from their eye care clinic, as most eyecare clinics will lend them to you at no cost.

While some people choose to remove their own lenses, we would recommend having an eye care clinic remove them for you.

## Why lensless glasses?

Lenses cause distortion around the eye area of your face, and also reflect light, windows, and the surrounding area. Glasses glare and distortion can be costly to fix on your finished portraits and can easily be avoided by simply picking up a pair of lensless glasses.



# moles, scars and tattoos

Scars, tattoos, moles, and piercings are not typically removed in standard retouching but can at no charge if requested.

If you want a tattoo to show (or not) please let Tad know during your session. Some seniors purposely choose to be posed in a way that shows their tattoos, while others prefer they don't show.

# skin

A little color gives you a fresh, healthy skin tone in your portraits. Don't overtan before your session to ensure you have a natural look.

**Avoid sunburns, (peeling and redness will show), and tanlines.** Many of these problems can be fixed by our retouch artists in your finished image but can be costly to fix.

# hands & nails

Make sure that they are clean, moist, and neatly groomed. Rub lotion into cuticles for a few nights before your session.

# braces

Don't want them to show in your portraits? Our retouch artists can remove them (ask for a quote). Practice smiling in a mirror before your session so that your smile looks natural, and be sure to let Tad know if you don't want to see your braces in your portraits.

# dress from head to toe

A complete outfit is a key part of a beautiful portrait!

- Accessorize the same way you would if you were going out.
- Variety is key - hats, shoes, and props give you more posing options
- Prepare & organize your outfits. Hang each outfit on one hanger, and use a baggie to organize accessories for each outfit.
- Hang outfits on a hanger so they don't get wrinkled.
- Bring accessories/shoes in a suitcase for easy transportation.
- Light socks with dark shoes are distracting, so be sure to match!
- Some outfits are even better with bare feet.

If you are planning to get a haircut, trim, or hairstyle change, be sure to do it at least two weeks before your session.

If you're doing your own hair, practice in advance. You can stick to the same hairstyle for the whole session, or do a mix of up, down, etc.

# hair

# want to go places?

Call us to add on an outdoor or concept session!

## outdoor sessions \$20 / \$30

Urbanscape outdoors are included with the deluxe and ultimate sessions. You can also have your portraits taken at the beach, in the woods, or on the prairie (which features an old car, barn, and fields). Sessions occur early in the morning or in the evening when the light is best.

30 minutes 1 outfit \$20  
45 minutes 2 outfits \$30

## concept sessions - \$50

Concept sessions focus on a very specific idea and/or location and include a consultation with Tad and an additional 1½ hours of photography time.

The possibilities of what you can do are endless! Enjoy portraits that are uniquely you and completely different. You'll meet with Tad before your session to discuss your concept/ideas and finalize the details.

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