

Clothing and Seniors

Most times when we speak to our customers on the phone, we find ourselves answering questions about wardrobe. How many outfits, what looks good, what backgrounds do we have that match a certain item, formal or casual, etc. So, in response, here are a few thoughts to mull over as you plan your choices.

First, at Images By Tracy Lovett, we never restrict wardrobe choices. Bring a bunch. Bring a few favorites. Bring whatever you want. We don't want to restrict our creativity, so we don't want to restrict your clothing choices. If you bring too much, we will pare down that day. Don't worry about bringing too much. In some ways, we are like the family doctor--we have seen it all.

Do bring appropriate shoes! Barefoot is a great choice for many shots. But some outfits just look more polished with shoes. And shoes are just great accessories! From funky pink high heels to beat up cowboy boots to your track cleats--if they are "you" bring them. We will find a way to use them.

Formal or Casual? Well, the most important thing is that you really feel comfortable in the clothes you bring. Many times parents will want clothing that is not particularly the Senior's favorite garment. Our suggestion is that you compromise. Wear the suit and tie for some shots, and then change into your skateboarding gear. Or whatever. People have a lot of layers, and many different styles. Your Senior Portrait Session is a great time to express those different looks. Sports gear, hunting camouflage, evening gowns, tuxedos, jeans and tees, sequins, leather, pajamas-whatever! Bring it, and bring accessories to match so we can make the look complete. One thing to remember, possibly the most important thing, is fit. Proper fit makes everyone look better, Obviously that varies with the style, but if it is supposed to be baggy but it is too tight, well, that is probably not the right choice. And if it is supposed to be form-fitting but you swim in it, well, you might want to rethink that outfit. And ladies, remember that appropriate colors and styles of undergarments can make or break the look, so bring strapless if the style calls for it.

Accessories are important, and not just earrings or necklaces, although that can definitely make a difference. Think outside the box a little bit. Your favorite sunglasses would be a great addition. and how about that hat you love and wear all the time. Most importantly, bring things that really fit with your outfit and the look you are trying to convey.

When planning, perhaps you should list the looks you want, and plan your outfits from there, including shoes and accessories for each look. Write it down! You will help us all with your organization and we won't forget anything.

And if you have other questions, just ask. We will be glad to help you achieve whatever look and style you are shooting for. But, remember, these are photographs of you, not your brand of jeans or your jewelry. Ultimately, bring what you like, and your comfort and pride in your appearance will show in your face in your portraits.