

# SENIOR TIPS

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**Seek Out Service** – Yes, you want great photos, but don't dismiss the importance of finding a photographer whose service is outstanding. Great customer service can include anything from emergency kits during the session (hairspray, water, pins, etc.) to making sure your hair and clothes are just right. It's anything that helps you enjoy your session and not worry about it. You might even want to simply ask the photographer. For instance, ask what their policy is if you don't feel well the day of your senior photo session. If you don't feel 100 percent, call us 24 hours prior and rebook your photo session. If you broke up or stayed up late studying, if you feel crappy on the day of your session...it will show. You won't like your photos. So find a photographer willing to re-schedule, this is about service and experience.

**Take a Survey** – This may seem like an odd tip, but the point is to look for photographers who want to know about YOU. Some may give you an actual survey to fill out, others may simply ask questions about your likes and dislikes. Their goal is the same, though: to make your photos reflect you. Do you have a pet? Do you love your car? How about a musical instrument or a Letterman's jacket? These can all add personality to who you are in your Senior portraits!

**Get the Parents Involved** – No way, you may think—but hear us out. Your parents have different tastes, yet they do want what's best for you, and they are paying for those pictures (usually)! Plus, they have the perspective of time. You may want to wear every trendy outfit for your pictures, but parents know you'll regret it in the future. You need at least one outfit that will stand the test of time, one you can look back at and not be embarrassed! That may be hard to visualize as a senior, but your parents most likely have experienced it. What was trendy to wear in the '80s, '90s and '2000s doesn't always look so cool now...

**Be Outfit-Savvy** – This may seem like a simple task, and it is. The main thing you need to do is be yourself and try on your outfits ahead of time. Have a friend over to help you choose. Layering your outfit is a good idea, too, it gives your photographer many options and gives you different looks—taking off or putting on a jacket, hat, etc. And just say no if you are tempted to hit the stores and buy stuff you've never worn before. Why? If you don't feel good in that outfit, you will project it in the photos. Make sure too that your clothes are ironed and neat prior to your session.

