

Senior Session Guide



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A little about me!

I am Katie and I'm a portrait and wedding photographer based in Portland, OR. I'm passionate about what I do and love creating and capturing genuine, candid moments. I'm there to capture the authentic beauty of you!

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Congrats grad!

Your senior year is one you won't want to forget, so let's document the start of it! These special images will be shared with family and friends, as well as in your high school yearbook. It's important to carefully plan for your photography session. By following the steps outlined in this helpful guide, you can have fun and memorable senior portraits that truly depict you and your personality.

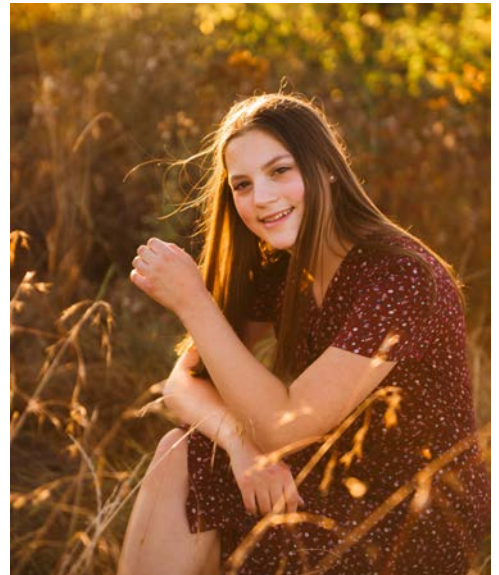


What to Expect



1. I'll email you a link to select a session date and sign the contract.
2. Plan for your session. I'll want to know your vision for outfits, locations, etc. Send me Ideas!
3. We can make a plan to talk details over the phone about a week before your session.
4. Time to shoot! We'll meet 1-2 hours before sunset.
5. 3-5 days later I will send previews via text and/or post to social media.
6. Images will be ready 2 weeks after your session! Select the images you'd like retouched.

You may be wondering, aren't all my photos edited? The answer is YES. All your photos will be corrected for lighting, color, and have a added filter compared the original photo that you may see in camera.



Day of the session

We will meet the pre-determined time/location. You should arrive ready in your first outfit. If the attire wrinkles easily, you may want to come a little earlier so you can change into your outfit before we start shooting. Bring water, snacks, makeup/hairspray for touch ups, lip balm, extra accessories/shoes, and possibly a towel.

Locations

There are variety of locations in the Portland Metro area that we can use for your session. If you have a certain spot in mind or would like to use one that was seen in my portfolio, just let me know! Otherwise, I am open to shooting at new areas that I haven't been before.

Making a payment

You can pay at the time you book the session or on the day of the session. Galleries will not be sent until payment has been recieved.

Delivery of photos

All the best images will be delivered in a private online gallery where you can download them at no additional cost. You can buy prints directly from my site or from anther printer. I cannot guarantee the outcome of the prints if print elsewhere.

Changes to your session

If you need to reschedule for any personal reasons, you may do so. As for weather, we will keep an eye on the forecast leading up to your session time. If inclement weather forces us to reschedule, we will do so as soon as possible with no additional charge or consequence.



TIPS HOW TO PREPARE

What to Wear

One of the most common questions I get asked during the planning stages with my clients is "What should we wear?" Advice on what to wear on your photo shoot has changed over the years. No longer are white shirts and jeans on everyone the trend. I am more than happy to discuss your clothing choices, help you narrow down your decision or give you a direction to focus on as well as make sure that your clothing coordinates well with the locations chosen for your photo shoot!

Choose your style and palette

Choose four outfits that reflect your personality, including casual and dressy. Pick a palette of 3-4 colors. Let this be your starting place. Think in terms of tones: blue tones, earth tones, neutrals, pastels, etc.

Use Muted Colors

Muted tones look beautiful in a senior picture. When picking patterns, choose smaller ones that won't pull attention away from the main subjects. When thinking about texture, choose different ones that will give photos some interest such as lace, corduroy, denim, and knits.

Layering

One of my favorite "tips" for clothing choices! In the summer months, this may be more difficult to pull off, but during all of the other seasons, definitely layer your outfits. Not only will it provide more visual interest in each photo but it will also allow a lot more variety in your shots and poses. Have a ton of images of yourself in just your dress or cute top and jeans? Throw on a little sweater or jacket and a hat and you have entirely different look.



Fit Your Style To Your Location

Always keep your session location in mind when choosing your outfit. If your session is happening in a city setting, dress up a bit with a pair of cute heels and a fancier dress than you'd normally wear to match the bustling vibe of the city. If you've selected a more natural environment, choose something a bit more casual such as a maxi dress and opt for casual footwear like flat sandals or boots.

Keep Make Up Natural

You will want to avoid using very heavy makeup, but a bit of color on your lips, eyes, and cheeks will help bring you to life in photos. Be sure to bring some lip gloss with you as well for touch ups.

Be Timeless

Pick outfits that aren't considered too trendy, but will be able to be enjoyed and displayed for many years to come.

Plan Ahead

Make sure you have given yourself enough time to think about all of the details of your session. Plan ahead so that #1 you can truly think about your photos and everything you want out of the session, #2 you aren't rushing and stressing out right before your session.

Accessorize!

Accessories give your photographs that needed punch! They lend pops of color, personality, and interest.

Just be you

Your senior portraits should reflect your style and personality. Consider including what you love - your art, athletic equipment, musical instruments, etc.



Your future memories are the most important thing to me, and I want your session to be a time for you to just be yourself and enjoy it. Have fun. Laugh a lot. And I'll take care of the rest!

Frequently Asked Questions

What Should I Bring To My Session?

Having plenty of clothing choices is always a good plan. Make sure to bring a variety of outfits and accessories from casual to dressy to have multiple looks in your pictures. Prioritize outfits in the order you'd like to use them.

Can I bring someone with me on the shoot?

Yes! Having someone to lug around all your gear is a must! They can be ready to help you change your lipstick or your shoes! We might even get your helper in a shot with you.

When is payment due?

Payment is due at the time of your session. Galleries will not be delivered until payment is received. You can pay when you book the session, with cash or via PayPal or Venmo.

How do I choose a location?

The possibilities are endless, and that can seem overwhelming! We will work together to choose the perfect location to fit your personality, your vision, and your budget for your session. Some locations do have fees, and fees are the responsibility of the client.