

ULTIMATE

SENIORS

Class of 2025

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WHAT TO EXPECT FROM YOUR ULTIMATE SENIOR PHOTO SESSION

BEFORE *we meet up for your senior photoshoot, you'll be busy getting your look together! Take time to prepare your outfits (iron, ensure fit, use proper undergarments (nude undergarments are best), hang clothes on hanger), and prepare yourself (hydrate, do your nails, etc).*

Your first stop will be professional hair and makeup. You'll arrive for your appointment with clean dry hair and a clean face. Be sure to discuss your desired look and any concerns you have with our beauty partner.

Once you are happy with your look, we will meet on location to start capturing your images. We can typically squeeze in 5-6 outfits during an ultimate session; you can bring more, it's good to have a variety of images to choose from!

We take advantage of the golden hour, shooting before sunset, which gives us soft, pretty light. Shooting outdoors offers so many gorgeous natural backdrops.

If you wish to be photographed in your prom gown, please bring it with you. (Let me know in advance). We have enjoyed making beautiful portraits with these gowns for our seniors.

Finally, please express any concerns you have. Our goal is for you not only to have the very best senior portraits, but to have a fun and memorable experience to kick off a great senior year!



LOCATION:

SIX FUN SENIOR PHOTO SHOOT LOCATION IDEAS

IF you're in the process of planning your senior photo session, you're probably looking for a few theme and location ideas. Of course, there's always the beach, but everyone does the beach, if you want something fresh, below are a few fun ideas to give you some inspiration:

HEAD DOWNTOWN.

If you're really looking to find some interesting shoot locations, why not head downtown? Take advantage of the colorful buildings, graffiti, unique doorways in the city. Portsmouth & Dover have a ton of options!

ENJOY AN AMUSEMENT PARK.

Using an amusement park as a location doesn't mean you need to use rides as a backdrop, instead, incorporate the bright colors and bold patterns into your shots. York Animal Kingdom is a fun colorful option!

BEST KEPT SECRET.

Industrial parks are one of the most underrated photography locations. With their gorgeous buildings and perfectly landscaped outdoor areas, we can make magic right at Pease!

GO FOR THE GREEN.

If you would prefer a beautiful backdrop of trees, flowers, and wide open spaces, use one of the local parks as a location for your shoot. Prescott Park has a gorgeous flower garden that blooms all summer and fall. In August we can even jump into the wildflower patches on the roadside!

GET NAUTICAL.

Since we're blessed to live near the ocean, why get nautical! A marina is a great location, or let's go for a boat ride!

ON CAMPUS.

Most colleges and high schools have an interesting buildings and landscaped areas that are perfect for a senior photo session. Even your own high school campus can be beautiful through our lens!





MISTAKES:

THE 5 SENIOR SESSION MISTAKES TO AVOID

1 WEARING THE WRONG OUTFIT.

The wrong clothing can really make a big difference to your portraits. If you want your photos to look great, make sure that your clothing is fitted and suited to your body shape. Try on your outfits prior to your shoot. Have a parent or friend take an iphone picture of you in your outfits to ensure you like how they look on. Use a hanger to avoid wrinkles. Avoid neon colors and large logos. Most importantly: wear a nude bra and underwear. This is important!

2 CUTTING YOUR HAIR JUST BEFORE YOUR SESSION.

Your hair plays an important role in your overall look and if you decide to get a haircut or try a new hairstyle too close to your senior session, you could end up with photos that don't feel like you.

3 WAITING TOO LONG.

Book your senior portraits as early as possible. Summer shoots are amazing and typically the season you have the most available time. Once school starts, your schedule may get filled with sports and other commitments. The sun also sets earlier in the fall so our late fall shoots may take place right after school. If you have always dreamed of a fall session, with sweaters and foliage, book early so you'll be able to get in with us on a day your schedule is open.

4 GETTING TOO MUCH SUN BEFORE YOUR SESSION.

Having a summer glow is great, but don't overdue it by getting too tan or sunburned right before your senior session. You want your skin tone to look healthy and natural.

5 FORCING A POSE OR A SMILE.

The more natural you are in front of the camera, the better your photos will look. Not every pose or expression is for every person. And that's okay! If you're feeling nervous that's totally normal and it's our job to help put you at ease. We will guide you into poses that flatter you. Even beyond posing, we'll "unpose" you with verbal prompts so that you don't look forced. You can practice smiles you like in the mirror before your session, try to come up with a few expressions you like and we'll work through those during your session. You're going to be fine! We've helped thousands of people through this process. You're in great hands!



“I just have to thank you for making my girl feel on top of the world yesterday for her senior photo shoot.

The minute we got back into the car, she couldn't stop gushing about how much fun she had with you, and how very kind you were.

To top it all off, your post of one of her photos on your Facebook page put her on top of the world, and then all of the kind comments were the icing on the cake.

My daughter feels beautiful thanks to your expertise.”

-Laura (class of 2020 mom)



THE ULTIMATE

WHY OUR ULTIMATE SENIOR SESSIONS ARE AWESOME

THIS is your senior year, which is a very special time in your life. The images we create together will last a lifetime.

Our ultimate senior sessions are tailored to you. You'll have a consulting call with your photographer a few days before your session where you can discuss locations, fashion, weather, and any concerns you may have.

The session begins with professional hair and makeup by a beauty expert. She will create the look you want (most people say they want a natural look, don't worry about her making you look like a clown - it won't happen). Before you leave the salon make sure your hair & makeup are perfect.

Then we have lots of time for lots of locations and outfit changes. You may feel a little nervous at first, but that feeling will disappear once we begin shooting!

The best part about the ultimate sessions is the proofing gallery. YOU get to view the unedited pictures and choose the images you want us to edit and finalize.

You only get to be a senior once! Our goal is to not only capture some great photos of you, but to create a fun and memorable experience. Our track record is pretty good!

INVESTMENT:

YOU ARE PRICELESS, YOUR PICTURES AREN'T

ULTIMATE SESSION. \$595+

Our ultimate senior portrait experience is all about you! This session includes many boutique bells & whistles including a pre-shoot consultation, professional hair & makeup, 2+ hours of photography, multiple shoot locations. We also offer a proofing gallery - so you get to choose the images that are edited and placed in your final gallery! Prints & digital images are sold separately. This is a once in a lifetime experience, the perfect capstone for your high school years!

50% of your session fee is due upon booking. The balance is due on the day of your photoshoot

AFTER THE SHOOT, YOU'LL DECIDE:

35 High resolution digital images \$575

20 High resolution digital images \$495

Digital image purchases come with a print release



SELECTING YOUR PHOTOS

After your session (typically within 24 hours) we will load your unedited proofs onto an online gallery where you can begin to make choices. Keep in mind the images aren't finalized so make your choices based on how you look rather than on lighting or other factors that can be changed.

You'll have the option to choose 20 or 35 digital images for your final gallery:

THE EDITING PROCESS

Once you've decided on the images you want, the editing will begin. During the editing process, we will touch up each photo and remove any minor imperfections. Feel free to discuss preferences or make editing notes on your images if you have any concerns. Galleries are typically delivered within 10-14 days. Rush service is available for \$50.



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