



**WHAT TO WEAR**  
**• SENIOR STYLE GUIDE •**

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## What To Wear for Young Men

### Style

As a general rule, guys are more complacent when it comes to photos. Even if it's just for your mom, please come prepared. We (and mom) want you to look your best. Dress in a style that expresses who you are, but dress nicely. If your style is a bit sloppy or you're rather apathetic, have your mom, girlfriend, or other girls that are just friends help you. Trust us on this one.

### Clothing

We give you unlimited wardrobe changes, so bring options. The more clothes we have to choose from, the better. This will give us flexibility in matching your clothing to backgrounds and the surroundings. Group your clothing together on hangers. Make sure items are free of wrinkles and ready to go. (Please don't come everything stuffed into a gym bag like many guys have done.) Make sure you're comfortable in your clothing and that it flatters you. This will ensure that you like how you look when viewing your photos. Avoid stripes and plaid. Solid colors work much better than patterns. Bring a variety of colors and mix the level of styles. Some should be dressy, some dressy-casual, and some casual. Bring black and/or dark gray t-shirts to wear under other shirts. White undershirts stick out and photograph poorly. Avoid t-shirts with large graphics or logos. They distract from the main subject, which is you.

### Shoes

We don't expect you to get as excited as the girls about shoes, but bring a variety of casual and dressier shoes. Avoid gym shoes or flip-flops since these will appear too casual when viewing your photos.

### Shaving

Please come to your session cleanly shaven. Retouching stubble costs extra and won't look as good as a clean shave. If you have facial hair that your mom despises, do her a favor and shave it off. We promise it will grow back.

### Hair

If you have longer hair, make sure it will stay out of your eyes during your session. Have it trimmed if necessary. Don't make any drastic changes like shaving your head or dying your hair around your session date. Otherwise you'll look back at your photos and wonder "What was I thinking?"

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### Props

They're great! Bring props that help show who you are. Some popular choices are:

- Sports equipment (football, basketball, baseball bat, etc.)
- Sports uniforms
- Musical instruments
- Art related items (cameras, paint supplies, etc.)
- Activity related items (dance, art, school clubs, etc.)

### Glasses

Most lenses have a glare. The safest option is to check with your eye doctor and ask if they'll loan you a similar pair without lenses.

### Complexion

We retouch your photos, so please don't be concerned about minor breakouts. We have you covered! If your acne is more severe, you're still okay. We had bad acne in high school and understand! We're happy to help you out with some extra retouching.

### Friends & Parents

Friends or parents are welcome and often can be a help. However, if they distract you, it may be best to meet them when the session is over. You're welcome to have a couple of shots with a girlfriend, best friend, sibling, or parent at no extra charge.

### Weather

Don't worry about clouds because they actually even out the light and make for ideal shooting conditions. But falling rain is an issue and we have to reschedule.

### Braces

If desired, we can remove braces in Photoshop for an extra charge. Otherwise, try not to worry about them. Give a natural smile and enjoy yourself. A good smile with braces is far better than the awkward smile that comes when you try to hide them.