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Tips for getting the best senior photos:

- Bring your favorite CDs to play during your session.
- Try to get rest the day before your shoot and don't plan anything stressful.
- Bring lots of choices: vary the colors, style (all one look gets boring) and dress level (dressy and casual).
- Solid colors work best. Avoid large or bold patterns, stripes, plaid. They draw attention away from the face.
- Long sleeves look the best. They draw attention away from the arms and focus it on the face. Avoid tank tops and tube tops unless you absolutely love it.
- Darker clothing tends to minimize body size.
- Necklines are important. A vee or scoop neck is best if your neck is short and your face is full. A turtle neck or high necked garment is more flattering if your neck is longer and your face is slender.
- Keep the tonal range of clothing within the group the same. Do not mix light and dark values. Save patterns for accent items like scarves and neckties.
- Remember to bring all accessories for each outfit: jewelry, undergarments, socks, shoes. Think about sunglasses, cute purses, prom dress, ballet shoes, favorite stuffed animal, uniform, instrument, sports equipment
- Avoid clothing that has wording on it except for your school logo.
- White or pastel colors are good for lighter backgrounds. Black is perfect for black background and black and white photos.

Some shots are close up, others are full length. Coordinate your attire from head to toe. It is hard to do a full length formal in your suit if all you brought was big old tennis shoes.

Group your outfits together on hangers and make sure they are ironed.

Make-up & Skin:

- Make-up should be only slightly heavier than normal – like evening make-up. Mascara should be dark and free of clumps. Your eyelashes are going to show in close-ups and mascara clumps look awful.
- Don't use lotions, eye shadows, blush, or anything else with glitter in it. Glitter will show up in your pictures as little white spots all over your face or skin.
- Chapped or cracked lips are going to show. Moisturize your lips before your session.
- Avoid sunburn or excessive tanning. Sunburns are nearly impossible to fix. Suntan lines are also tricky, so you should vary your shirt sleeves and bathing suit straps when tanning to avoid lines.
- Don't worry about blemishes as they can be easily retouched.

#### Hair:

- Avoid changing your hairstyle or cutting your hair right before your session. Let it be natural.
- Quick, easy hairstyle changes during your session are OK, but make it quick or you lose camera time.
- Bring your hair care tools and products with you.
- Although our photographer tries to help with hair, it is hard to know what your hair is supposed to look like. Make sure you like the look or let the photographer know your preferences. Hair style is ultimately YOUR responsibility.
- Don't use a lot of hairspray, gel or other product in your hair. Your hair should move with you when you tilt your head and blow nicely in the breeze.

#### Hands & Feet (Girls & Guys):

- Treat yourself with a manicure/pedicure!
- Many casual shots are done barefoot, so don't forget about the toes.
- Avoid bright colors - natural or basic work best.

#### Jewelry:

- Keep it simple. Big, shiny jewelry can distract from you.
- Organize jewelry by putting it in baggies and hang it on the hangar with that outfit.

#### Shaving (Girls & Guys):

- Girls should shave underarms the day of your photo session. Many poses will show underarms and stubble will show.
- For guys a fresh shave the day of your photo session is a must because of stubble.
- If you have a beard or mustache, make sure it is neatly trimmed.

#### Glasses:

- Most optometrists will "loan" you an empty set of frames similar to yours for your photo session.
- Have the lens removed if possible.

#### Tattoos, Scars, Braces, Piercings:

- Let the photographer know if you want tattoos to show.
- Scars are not automatically retouched, but they can be removed or softened at your request. Extensive work may have an extra charge.
- Braces can be digitally removed if you like for any extra cost.

#### Props:

- Bring props that help define who you are. Some examples are: sports equipment, uniforms, music instruments, hobbies, pets, activities, whatever you would like in your pictures.