



SENIOR PORTRAIT

frequently asked questions

Who is Digital Dreams Photography?

We are a studio focusing on the unique experience of each individual. We specialize in modern senior portraiture mixed with vibrant and artistic imagery, allowing us to offer an experience and quality level that is unmatched in our area.

How much will portraits cost?

The portrait session and final images that you select is entirely dependent on your needs, individual style and tastes. Depending on the session that you choose, you will have a minimum of 25-70 images to select from at your ordering appointment.

We have both digital and art portrait options to select from. You do not have to make any final decisions until the day of your ordering appointment. There is no minimum order requirement.

The session fee is due when booking your session. This is non-refundable, but we have many options for rescheduling.



Do I have to come in for a consultation? Can't I just book a session over the phone?

While we don't require an in-person consultation, we do highly recommend it if you are new to our studio. This way we can show you the studio, examples of our portrait art, and work with you one on one to select the perfect session for your once-in-a-lifetime experience.

However, we can go over everything you need to know over the phone. We want to ensure that your senior portrait session is everything you want and more.

Do you photograph sessions in your studio or on location?

Both!

Our studio is located on the acreage where we live. This enables us to provide variety for all sessions. We have a large custom-designed indoor portrait studio, with both natural light and studio lighting - we want to make sure you have a variety of looks to show off your individual style.

For outdoor, the possibilities are endless: vintage fields, rustic buildings, country bridges, a creek, and even an old pickup truck (a true favorite for everyone). We create the experience that YOU want.



We will also photograph at a location within 20 miles of our studio with the Extra Day add on. If you would like a location further away, we have a fee for mileage. On location, we will photograph with numerous lighting techniques – from high contrast lighting to natural light and more.

I want to wear my hair two different ways. I want summer and fall pictures. Can I do that at my session?

If you are simply wanting to change up your look a little during your session – such as pulling part, or all, of your hair up for certain outfits – you can absolutely do that during any of our sessions. We LOVE variety and want to show off your multiple styles.

Add on an Extra Day to your session!

- This is great if you want to wear your hair in two distinctly different ways – such as curly and straight.
- The same goes for both summer and fall photos. The Extra Day is a nice option so you don't have to purchase another full session fee in order to split the session up.
- It is also nice to use the Extra Day add on if you have booked a longer session to give your smile a rest.

Do you photograph yearbook headshots?

Check your school's guidelines for yearbook headshots. We can photograph any type of image that they require for your yearbook and they are complimentary.



CLOTHING TIPS

ahhh... this is the fun part!

VARIETY!

Let your creativity shine! Be sure to bring a variety of outfits to show all of your looks. It's always a good idea to bring long-sleeved options even when being photographed in the summer.

BOYS

A few things to throw in with your favorite t-shirt: a PLAIN Black/White well-fitted t-shirt/henley, a polo/plaid shirt, and a nice shirt, tie & suit coat.

DON'T FORGET TO SHAVE!

White-on-White or Black-on-Black

We've been hit with an inspiration bug & are loving this look. Bring a plain, long-sleeved white or black shirt & make sure your nails look nice (boys - clean & trimmed; girls - french manicured or painted) for these close up shots. Throw in a cute white hat or scarf to add some texture.



HOW MANY OUTFITS CAN I BRING?

As MANY as you like! Our sessions are based on time, NOT on the number of outfits. In general, we can photograph 2-3 outfits per hour, however, this is entirely dependent on you. The more time you spend getting ready between outfits, the fewer outfits we will get to, and vice versa.

If you go to our website www.ddreamsphoto.com/galleries: seniors, you can get some great ideas.

GLASSES

All glasses will produce glare in your senior portraits. If you want to wear your glasses, have your optometrist provide you with a pair of frames with no lenses (or remove the lenses from yours) for your session. We can digitally remove eyeglass glare for a per pose fee.

BRACES

Check with your orthodontist to see if they have an option to temporarily remove your braces for your portrait session. We can digitally remove braces for a per pose fee.

TANNING

While a little color is nice, be sure not to overdo it for your session. Tan lines are not attractive (if you have them, it is best to avoid outfits that show them). These also can be removed for a per pose fee.



ACCESSORIZE!

Complete the outfit! Necklaces, bracelets, earrings, rings, HEELS, and your prom dress. Don't forget the curling/flat irons, hairspray, makeup (powder is vitally important under the lights) for touch-ups.

SPORTS

If you are bringing some of your uniforms, remember to also include the accessories that go with them: balls, shoes, socks, hats, helmets, trophies, band instruments, etc.

FINGERNAILS

They show! We recommend having a manicure prior to your portrait session.

FINALLY

Be conscious of parts of your body that might make you uncomfortable. For example, if you are uncomfortable with the way that your upper arms look, avoid sleeveless and strapless tops.

Group your outfits together ON HANGERS. Clothing in a bag or laid over your arms will become wrinkled and will not look good in your portraits.

Be prepared to have fun at your session!!



WHAT'S NEXT

The outfits were chosen, the pictures were snapped,
please read on to see what's next...

When will I see my pictures?

We will schedule your View and Order appointment with Katie 2-3 weeks after your session. During this time, we will sift through your images and help you find the Canvas Cluster, Portrait Collection or Collage to fit your needs. We will also discuss albums, gift prints, graduation cards, and various add-ons for your Senior Portrait Collection.

We do not intend to rush you or make any decision for you, we just want to share our extensive portrait knowledge with you to help make your decisions easier.

Why can't I just check out my proofs?

We have found that having you here while we help you make your selections is a great service to you. No more of the old fashioned sifting through pages & pages of proofs! We can help narrow down to your favorites so your friends & family will never see the poses that you don't like. We have a newly remodeled office to be able to accommodate more customers & a projection screen to view your portraits even better than before.



I'd like Graduation Announcements. When do I order those?

If you know everything about your graduation & open house, we'd be happy to create something for you at this time. We usually don't get started on finalizing graduation announcements/open house cards until the middle of January.

Don't worry, we will send you a reminder.

Each graduation invite is custom designed to you and your images.

How much will I pay?

When you place your order, half of the balance will be due at that time. Your order will be here in about 3 weeks. We will let you know when it arrives (call, text, or email - whatever works best for you). We prefer that you make an appointment to pick up your order to be sure that we are available to deliver them to you.

What comes with my session?

- Professional portraiture by Donna Froehlich
- All portraits are professionally retouched for free
- Unlimited clothing changes
- Images for the yearbook
- Shareable Social Media Images