

What You Can Expect Overall:

- Session may take 10 minutes to 3 hours depending on which one you choose.
- **Know which session you want before calling to schedule** - refer to price list for details.
- Your session fee is due in advance when you schedule your session.
- Previews are ready to be picked up the next business day. Other previewing options are also available. Online proofing is also available - some restrictions may apply.
- Make sure you're prepared for your session! Put shirts/tops and pants together, with belt and put all socks, shoes, jewelry, accessories, etc. in a bag and hang each complete outfit on its own separate hanger. This may help you remember everything.

Preparing for your session:

What Do I Wear?

When choosing your outfits, make sure that you like them. You'll want to bring as much variety as possible. Most seniors prefer wearing both casual and dressy outfits. Bring more outfits than needed, our photographer can help you decide which ones will photograph best. Remove tags from clothing before your session. **Also, please know that some fabric colors aren't reproducible, and some patterned clothing photographs poorly.**

Note: Your school may have a dress code for the yearbook portrait, so it's best to keep the yearbook outfit formal and modest.

GUYS - for the more traditional portraits, a suit or sport coat with a tie is good. We strongly suggest long sleeve shirts when wearing sport coats to achieve a classier look with shirt cuffs showing a little. Medium to dark solid sweaters also photograph well. For casual photos, comfort is the rule, for example - jeans, T-shirts, sweaters, shorts, sweatshirts, etc. Make sure shirt collars are the right size, we cannot correct improperly fitted clothing. And don't forget your class ring.

GIRLS - bring the colors and outfits that make you feel your best. Bring dresses (even formal ones), and sweaters for the more traditional look. If you like an outfit, it's probably because you look good in it, so make sure you bring it! For the "retro" look you may also wear one of our drapes.

Avoid wearing sleeveless or very short-sleeve tops, especially for traditional or yearbook poses. They tend to make arms look larger than normal in portraits.

Please note that glitter make-up does not photograph well, and may incur extra enhancement charges.

Also, be sure bra straps don't show.

SHOES - Often shoes will show, be sure they complement your clothing; changing them may be necessary with different clothing styles. Remember to bring the proper socks. Of course barefoot poses can complement the right outfit too.

What Else Can I Bring?

Bring your favorite hat, musical instrument, pet, sunglasses, letter jacket, uniform, sports props, or almost anything else you feel would show off the real you. Don't forget other activities, too: collectibles, swim suit, mp3 player, fishing or skiing gear. Also, if you want your phone in your portraits, bring it. No idea is too crazy, and since we'll only try a few poses with it, you have nothing to lose. **Some of these may require the Ultra Session. No props with the Custom or smaller sessions.**

Can I Bring Someone With Me?

Absolutely! Some people find it more comfortable to bring Mom or Dad, a friend, brother or sister along to help ease the "camera room jitters." You are welcome to bring someone with you, but because of space limitations we may limit the number of people who accompany you in the camera room. Whoever comes with you can also help you make sure your hair is the way you want it. In the Deluxe and Ultra sessions you may even pose together.

What About A Suntan?

Too much sun darkens your skin unnaturally, dries out your hair, makes skin appear shiny and greasy and shows bags under your eyes. Strap marks will show as white marks on bare shoulder poses. Keep your tan even. Don't overdo the sun for a portrait, but it can look great, if done in moderation. **Sunburn or windburn is a real problem - reschedule your appointment if this is the case.**

What About My Hair, Make-Up, Glasses, Jewelry?

HAIR - Avoid wet or gelled hair - you may dislike how it photographs. Try to have your haircut at least one week before your session, to give it a chance to "fill in" a little. Don't try a radically different haircut or style - chances are you won't feel it expresses the "real you." Athletes - put off shaving your head or dyeing your hair until after you have seen previews and are satisfied with your portraits.

MAKE-UP - No glitter or metallic make-up.

GLASSES - If you wear glasses most of the time, you may want to wear them in your portraits. To prevent glare and reflections, call your optician and arrange to borrow a pair of empty frames like yours, or have the lenses removed from your own glasses. Some opticians will gladly do this for free (however, make sure you give them plenty of notice). This totally eliminates glare and distortions to improve your portraits. It doesn't take much effort - and it can sure help! **Remember we are not responsible for glass glare.**

RETOUCHING - Previews are retouched only when an additional amount is paid. Normal retouching is included in any other portraits you purchase. Contact the studio for details.

JEWELRY - Flat jewelry such as watches and flat necklaces can cause glare. But don't forget your class ring.

OTHER - Cold sores, bruises and cuts cost extra to be retouched. **Please reschedule if you have one of these conditions.**

NOTE:

- Giolas Photographers is not responsible for:
- Odd moire patterns due to textured or patterned clothing.
 - Glare from light reflecting off of wet or "gelled" hair, watches or jewelry.
 - Hats or caps that cause shadows or block eyes.

How Much Money Should I Bring?

None. The pre-paid fee covers the cost of the photographer's time with you, plus the expenses for your portrait session. It does not include any portraits but it DOES include great senior photography! Your session fee must be pre-paid or we may schedule someone else in that time slot.

What Can I Expect At My Photo Session?

First, expect to have a great time, because you will! It's OK to be a little nervous at first, but you'll soon relax with our easy-going manner and creative photography.

We suggest that you arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled time to do paperwork, freshen up and check your outfits. You can tell us which photographic styles you like best. Remember, we want you to have fun - but if you arrive late you may have to reschedule for another day to be photographed.

If possible wear one of your outfits (maybe the yearbook one) when you arrive to the studio. If you're unsure which outfits will photograph best, bring extras and we will help you decide which outfit to choose for your session.

Please remember to pay your session fee when you schedule (cash, checks*, MasterCard, Visa, Discover, and American Express accepted).

***Checks require date of birth, and drivers license number of the person who owns bank account.**

If you're unsure of something or have any questions before or during your session, **PLEASE ASK!** We want you to feel comfortable so you can get the **BEST PORTRAITS** of your LIFETIME!

Checklist To Bring:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dress Glasses (empty frames) | <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Class Ring | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Letter Jacket | <input type="checkbox"/> Shorts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tie | <input type="checkbox"/> Sun Outfit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hat | <input type="checkbox"/> Make-up |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Uniform | <input type="checkbox"/> Belt / Shoes / Suspenders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Instrument | <input type="checkbox"/> Car (extra session fee) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports Outfit & Equip. | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assorted Socks | <input type="checkbox"/> Stuffed Animals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hobby Items | <input type="checkbox"/> Cap & Gown & Tassel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Jewelry |

Note: Some of the above require the Ultra Session and/or an additional session charge.

After you pick up your previews, call to schedule an order appointment.

• When you order, you need to:

- Decide which poses you want
- Have an appointment
- Place 50% advance payment to start your order
- Have senior student along to sign form for signature on wallets if needed.

We reserve the right to schedule you to return for a different day if you do not have a preview appointment

- Normal delivery time of your finished portraits is up to eight weeks, which varies by season.

For Any Further Information Please Stop By or Call 769-7934

We are in Georgetown Plaza In Merrillville, next to Ethan Allen Interiors



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How To Prepare For Your Senior Portraits

Please read this entire brochure thoroughly!



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