

Northwest High School Senior Portraits

Yearbook Specs

Congratulations on becoming a senior at Northwest High School! Here are some common questions & answers about senior pictures for yearbook use. Please read them carefully, as we do not wish anyone to be excluded from the senior section of the yearbook!

1) What should I do first about pictures and how soon should I do it?

Call photographers as soon as possible to price packages. The whole portrait-taking process sometimes takes MONTHS through our local photographers. Please keep this in mind when scheduling appointments in regard to our deadlines! After a certain time, there is no assurance that the photographers can get us a copy of your photo in time. The yearbook staff must meet publishing deadlines, which are not flexible! All Senior photos are due for the yearbook to Miss Hade **no later than December 1, 2024.** (see back for more information)!!

2) What are the yearbook picture specifications?

Yearbook pose and background specifications:

- Color pictures are preferred (it is a color section), however please be certain that the background is not too busy or distracting.
- Standard head and shoulders shot.
- Vertical photo.
- NO hands, hats, props, etc. should be in picture.
- Be careful of what is in the background of your photo. Is it distracting from you? Is the focus on you? Do you look like anything weird is coming out of your head?
- Students should NOT select pictures of just their faces. These portraits are very hard for us to use. Your head will look larger than your peers' if you choose to do this.
- Students do not have to be looking directly into the camera.
- Generally speaking, we'd like a "traditional" senior photo.

Special Instructions:

- No black and white photos IF at all possible. The Senior section is a full color section.
- We prefer standard sized photos (wallet sized) or electronic files (see back for information).
- Please do not send pictures (including screenshots) with names of students, studio names, copyright watermarks, etc. imprinted on them. They will/can not be accepted.



CORRECT!



NO! Distracting Background.
Too far away.



NO! Absolutely No hands to face.
Too close as well.



No! Wrong pose.
Wrong Background.
Wrong orientation.

3.) When is the portrait deadline?

December 1, 2024 is the FINAL SENIOR PORTRAIT DEADLINE!! This is NOT a flexible deadline!

4.) What is the purpose of these specifications?

The yearbook is a professional publication that reaches a large audience: our student body, our community, and beyond. That, along with production costs, requires us to mandate uniform standards for all pictures. In order to assure uniformity we follow standard journalistic guidelines.

While the traditional head-and-shoulders shot outlined above is required for the yearbook, we naturally encourage you to exercise your creativity for your personal senior portraits and encourage you to purchase creative space in the Advertisement section.

5.) What if I can't afford the sitting fee or the picture packages?

Northwest High School has professional photographers who take pictures on the Student Picture Day (your ID pictures). There is no sitting fee and there is no obligation to purchase their pictures, but we are allowed to use them in the yearbook. This is a FREE and fast way to do the whole picture-taking process. **IF YOU DO NOT SUBMIT A SENIOR PORTRAIT, YOUR SCHOOL ID PHOTO WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE USED.**

6.) What if I decide to take my own picture with my own camera?

Any self-taken portraits must follow the guidelines as previously stated and be cut down to the 2" x 3" size. Please be aware, however, that we reserve the right to refuse any pictures that do not look professional or appropriate for the yearbook.

7.) Should I have my senior pictures taken if I know I am not going to actually graduate this year?

That is up to you. However, anyone who does not have enough credits at the beginning of second term will be omitted from the senior section of the yearbook.

8.) When & where do I turn my senior picture in?

Turn them in to Miss Marnie Hade's room (106) or email them to Miss Hade at Marnie.Hade@nwschools.org at any time up until the December 1, 2024 deadline. Please note, Miss Hade WILL email you back when she receives your photo. If you do not get an email reply, assume that it was not received.

9.) What if I have questions?

Feel free to contact the adviser, Miss Marnie Hade, at (517) 817-4833 or Marnie.Hade@nwschools.org at the high school.