

2021 MHS Senior Portrait Specifications



Congratulations on making it to your senior year at Midland High School! Here are some common questions and 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!

Q: What should I do first about pictures and how soon should I do it?

Call a photographer immediately and get a sitting time scheduled for the summer. The whole portrait taking process sometimes takes months through our local photographers. This means you should have your pictures taken NO later than September 30. After that 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!

Q: What are the yearbook picture specifications?

Size: 2" x 3" COLOR photo (no black and white, sepia, etc.)

DPI: Minimum 300

Pose: Head and shoulder shot looking at the camera

Background: Indoor OR outdoor – but neutral (such as blue, grey, brown) – if background is not traditional, neutral, and solid, then have your photographer mute / blur the background

Other: Absolutely NO hands to face in pose, no fade or reflection shots, no extreme close ups

Digital Images are required in JPEG format by DECEMBER 1st. If you cannot provide a digital copy, please email the yearbook advisor (kingbj@midlandps.org or 2021ChemYbkSeniors@gmail.com) ahead of time to let the staff know and turn in your hard copy picture by NOVEMBER 15th.



CORRECT!



NO! Absolutely no hands to face!



NO! Full body image!

Q: What is the purpose of these specifications?

The yearbook is a professional publication that reaches a large audience including our student body, our community, and beyond. That, along with publication costs over \$50,000, requires us to mandate uniform standards for all pictures. In order to assure uniformity, we follow standard journalistic guidelines. The senior section editors change each year and they reserve the right to accept or reject photos based on these specifications and the book's theme / vision.

While the traditional head-and-shoulders shot outline 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 senior advertisement section.

Q: What if I decide to take a picture with my own camera?

Any self-taken portrait must follow the guidelines above and must be cut down to the 2" x 3" size. Please be aware, however, that the Midland High School Yearbook editors reserve the right to refuse any pictures that do not look professional or appropriate for the yearbook.

Q: Should I have my senior pictures taken if I know I am not going actually graduate this year?

That is up to you, but we suggest that you do. The yearbook has an inclusive policy - students who have been a part of this senior class will be included in the senior section. It is not up to us to decide who graduates; that is based on credits and the counseling department.

Q: What will happen if I do not turn in a senior picture at all?

We will use your school I.D. picture! Therefore, if you have not had your senior picture taken by September 31, make sure that your I.D. picture looks nice (no t-shirts) in case we have to use it in the senior section.

Q: When and where do I turn in my senior picture?

Turn them into the yearbook room, 325. You have until the December 1 deadline if submitting a digital JPEG, or November 15 if a hard copy is submitted.

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