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### **Westminster Senior Portrait Appointment Instructions**

#### **To the Westminster Class of 2027 and Parents:**

We are pleased to have the opportunity to provide the portraits for your senior year. If you read and follow the instructions, your portrait sitting will be quick and smooth. The most important thing currently is to make your appointment in a timely manner.

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT BY April 15**

When making the appointment, please use the **STUDENT'S** name.

When making the appointment, please use a **PARENTAL** (preferably Mom's) email.

Due to adverse lighting conditions, we only accept morning appointments.

The **appointment fee** will be collected by credit card at the time the appointment is made. If a student does not attend the photo session and does not cancel the appointment in a timely manner, \$100 of the fee paid will be forfeited and will be collected again when making a new appointment.

This year, we have one appointment date in April, three dates in May, and three dates in June. This is designed specifically for students who will be out of town later in the summer. Don't forget about **sports camps** and last-minute **vacations**! Also, (**READ THIS PART**) the weather is typically much nicer in April and May as opposed to August.

To book your appointment, visit [www.gemshots.com](http://www.gemshots.com), click "Book Senior Appointments" and follow the prompts. You will find instructions for making an appointment as well as information about our picture-day procedures. Please read all the information provided so you understand the options available.

Available dates are April 25, May 27, 28, 29, June 17, 18, 19, July 30, 31, August 3, 4.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us:

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Thank you!

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## Westminster Senior Portrait Appointment Options for 2027

1. Student Full Session Digital Appointment \$495

This is the same session we have offered for 22 years at Westminster. **This is where you own all images in your gallery.** This option became available in 2020 and has been the most popular offering since. You can download and use the images for any purpose. We start with the formal (yearbook) photo then move to the front of Pressly and beyond. **You can add your dog and other items such as sports equipment and/or musical instruments.** We recommend 2 different outfits for the outdoor portion. If you want to add your family or siblings, please go to the next option.

2. Family and Siblings Digital Appointment \$525

This option is the same session as detailed above with the addition of some family pictures in front of Pressly. **You own these images as well.**

3. Student Ala Carte Appointment \$225

This is the same session as described in #1 but **you do not own the images.** The images will be available with **Ala Carte pricing.** You may add your dog to these photos but no family or siblings.

4. Bare Essential Appointment \$95

If you have no interest in a full-service portrait session, this is for you. We will do the required formal (indoor) sitting for the yearbook. Then we will make a few images in front of Pressly Hall. Your gallery will contain 12 to 15 images. You will be able to purchase prints and/or digital files as needed, **with Ala Carte pricing.**

**Make your appointment using the STUDENT'S NAME! Please do NOT use the parent's name.**

**Make your appointment using a PARENTAL EMAIL. Please do NOT use a student email.**

## Westminster 2027 Senior Portrait Instructions:

Please read these instructions in order to get the most out of your portrait session. The typical session will last about an hour.

1. Report to the lobby of Pressly Hall.
2. The photo session should last 60 to 90 minutes, depending on your level of participation.
3. All students are asked to follow the dress code for “**Dress Up Days**”. Do not forget jewelry desired for this shot. If a tie will be worn, please tie it **AT HOME**.
4. We will have a mirror for you to use but, once again, we will not be adjusting your hair. That part is completely up to you.
5. Casual pictures will be made next. These will be made outdoors around the campus. We allow (and recommend) up to 2 outfit changes. This gives you a variety of choices.
6. You may bring your dog or dogs. The dogs **MUST** be on a leash. If you bring a dog, you need to bring a handler. **DOGS MUST REMAIN ON THE LEASH, AND OUTSIDE, AT ALL TIMES!** If you would like to bring a pet that is not a dog, you **MUST** contact us first.
7. Your feet will show in some of these pictures. Please make a wise choice of shoes!

Please contact us with questions

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## Westminster Senior Portrait Considerations (Important!)

Please read this to understand certain limitations to your portrait sitting.

1. Adams Gate Photos

We realize that many families want photos taken at Adams Gate. Those can be beautiful and they can be almost impossible. If your photo day presents overcast skies, you are in luck. To be safe, it is recommended that you make your appointment by 9:30 AM. Otherwise, the bright sun can create lighting conditions that are impossible to overcome. We cannot do our best work under those conditions.

2. Fashion for YOU

For the yearbook (indoor) pose, all students are asked to follow the dress code for "Dress Up Days". Do not forget jewelry desired for this shot. If a tie is worn, please tie it AT HOME. Wear outfits of your choice for your casual (outdoor) photos. Swim Attire will not be allowed for any photos.

3. Fashion for your DOG

Many of you will be bringing your dog. We have photographed hundreds of them. You are required to keep the dog on a leash AT ALL TIMES and to have a "handler" to hold the dog when it is not in the pictures. Your dog's LEASH will be visible in most photos. While a neon green leash is easy to see, it can be distracting. Artwork can be done but there is a fee associated with that.

4. Retakes

If you desire a retake of your formal (yearbook) photo, the fee will be \$25. That can be done on any day when we are scheduled for senior portraits. If your appointment is in the final session of senior portraits, there may be no opportunity for a retake.

5. Family Photos

We try to take family pictures first after the formal portrait, so that other family members may leave if desired. We take family photos on the steps of Pressly Hall. If you desire a different location, please speak up IN ADVANCE.

6. Pets

As noted above, we welcome dogs (and handlers) for your photo session. If you want to bring a pet that is NOT a dog, you must contact Gemshots first. Most likely, we will gladly make the pictures but with some possible limitations.

7. Retouching

Basic "retouching", which removes facial blemishes and some stray hairs, will be available for \$10 per image. Advanced editing requests will be available starting at \$25 per image. IMAGES FOR YEARBOOK will be retouched whether you purchase them or not.

Thank you,

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