

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Iceland. I just finished primary school in Denmark and am now considering what my next step should be. I'm fluent in Danish.

What educational path would you recommend for me?

That's great that you're fluent in Danish and have completed primary school—congratulations! Since you're 16 and in Denmark, you're now at the stage where you can choose between several educational paths depending on your interests, goals, and learning preferences. Here's a clear overview of your main options and some advice tailored to your background:

🇩🇰 Main Educational Paths in Denmark After Primary School (Folkeskole)

1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

These are academically oriented and prepare you for university.

- **STX (Studentereksamen)** – General upper secondary education. Good if you like academic subjects like languages, history, and science.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination Programme)** – Focus on business, economics, and languages. Ideal if you're interested in working in business or studying economics later.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination Programme)** – Focus on science, tech, and innovation. Good if you enjoy subjects like math, physics, or IT.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination Programme)** – A 2-year general education. Slightly more flexible and often used as a second chance path for older students.

✅ **Recommended if:** You want to go to university or keep your options open.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – VET)

These combine school and apprenticeship. You learn a trade and often earn while you learn.

Examples:

- Electrician, carpenter, chef, IT supporter, health care assistant.

✅ **Recommended if:** You like practical learning, want to start working earlier, or want a direct path into a skilled job.

3. Combination Programs

These include both academic and practical elements.

- **EUX** – Combines VET and academic education. You get both a vocational qualification and a certificate that allows you to apply for higher education.

✅ **Recommended if:** You're practical but still want the option to go to university.

Extra Consideration: Icelandic Background

Since your parents are from Iceland, you may have the option to study or work there in the future. If you maintain or develop your Icelandic language skills, you could:

- Study in Iceland more easily (they often have free or low-cost university education).
- Apply for international programs in Nordic cooperation (like Nordplus).
- Benefit from cultural/linguistic flexibility in your career.

Questions to Ask Yourself Before Choosing:

1. **Do I enjoy academic subjects or hands-on/practical tasks more?**
2. **Do I see myself going to university later?**
3. **Would I rather work earlier or study longer?**
4. **What are my interests—tech, health, business, arts, something else?**

Suggestion Based on Your Profile:

If you're unsure and want to keep your options open, **STX** or **HHX** are very good general paths. If you're more practical and like the idea of a job earlier in life, **EUX** could be a fantastic choice—it gives you both practical skills and a path to higher education.

Flexibility

Remember: Nothing is final. The Danish education system is very flexible. You can switch paths or take a **10th year** (efterskole or regular) if you want more time to think, grow socially, or focus on specific interests like music, sports, or international skills.

If you want, I can help you:

- Compare two programs (e.g., STX vs. HHX)
- Find local schools
- Explore programs related to specific interests (e.g., gaming, healthcare, sustainability)

Just tell me a bit more about your interests!