

Uddannelsesmuligheder i Danmark



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from The Maldives. 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?

Thanks for sharing that — it's great that you're thinking carefully about your next steps. Since you're in Denmark, just finished **folkeskole**, and are fluent in Danish, you have several good options ahead of you. The best path depends on your **interests, goals, and how you like to learn**. Here's a breakdown of the most common routes after 9th or 10th grade in Denmark, with suggestions tailored to your background:

🎓 Option 1: Gymnasiale Uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education – Academic Focus)

These are for students who want to go to university later.

1. STX (Studentereksamen)

- General upper secondary education.
- Broad focus: languages, humanities, sciences, and social sciences.
- Good if you enjoy academic learning and are open to many career paths.
- Often considered the most flexible.

2. HHX (Higher Commercial Examination)

- Focus on business, economics, and international trade.
- Useful if you're interested in business, entrepreneurship, or finance.

3. HTX (Higher Technical Examination)

- Focus on technology, science, and innovation.
- Great if you're into engineering, IT, or applied sciences.

4. HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)

- Shorter (2 years), more practical than STX.
- Good if you want a quicker path to university or higher education, especially in health or social fields.

Option 2: Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - EUD)

These prepare you for a job directly, with practical training and apprenticeships.

- You can become e.g., an electrician, carpenter, chef, hairdresser, or social and health worker.
- Typically involves both school and real-world experience.
- Can be combined with **EUX** if you also want general qualifications for university.

EUX is great if you want **both** practical skills and academic options — like being a mechanic *and* later studying engineering.

Option 3: International or Alternative Paths

- **IB (International Baccalaureate)** if you're strong in English and want an international education — could be good if you ever think of studying abroad.
- **Efterskole** or **10th grade** – if you're unsure and want one more year to mature or explore your interests (also good for personal growth).

My Recommendations (Based on What You've Said)

Since you:

- Just finished primary school
- Are fluent in Danish
- Come from a culturally diverse background (Maldivian roots)
- Have not mentioned a specific career interest yet

I recommend you consider:

➤ **STX or HHX if:**

- You enjoy learning, want to keep your options open, and might go to university.
- You're not sure yet what field you want — these give you a broad base.
- HHX especially if business/economics sounds exciting to you.

➤ **EUX if:**

- You like practical work and want job skills *but* also want the option of higher education later.

➤ **Take 10th grade or an efterskole year if:**

- You need more time to figure things out or want to grow socially and personally.

Final Tip:

Talk to your **UU-vejleder (youth education counselor)** at school — they can guide you based on your strengths and preferences. Also, visit **open house events** at gymnasiums or vocational schools.

Would you like help choosing between STX, HHX, and EUX based on your interests or favorite subjects?