

# Uddannelsesvalg efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Micronesia. 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 your background—that gives helpful context. Since you've just finished primary school in Denmark (folkeskolen), you're likely at a crossroads where you can choose between several post-primary education options. Here's a breakdown of your choices, along with some guidance based on your age, language fluency, and background:

## 🎓 Main Educational Paths in Denmark After Primary School

### 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education – Academic Track)

These prepare you for university and are usually 3 years long. Good if you like academic subjects.

- **STX (Studentereksamen):** Broad academic program; good for university preparation.
- **HHX (Højere Handelseksamen):** Focus on business and economics.
- **HTX (Højere Teknisk Eksamen):** Focus on science and technology.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseksamen):** Shorter (2 years), more flexible. Often used by students who want to study later but don't want a full 3-year program.

#### ✅ Recommended if:

You enjoy academic work, are open to studying at university later, and want broad career options.

### 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – VET)

These combine school with apprenticeship (praktikplads) in a company. Lasts 3–5 years depending on the field.

- Examples: Electrician, carpenter, hairdresser, social and health assistant (SOSU), IT support.
- You can still access higher education later (like *Erhvervsakademi* or even university with supplementary courses).

#### ✅ Recommended if:

You want practical, hands-on training and prefer working over studying full-time.

### 3. Kombinationsforløb eller 10. klasse (Optional)

Some students choose an extra year (10th grade) to mature or prepare better for secondary education.

- You can do it at a local school, efterskole (often includes boarding), or in special 10th-grade centers.
- Good for personal development or if you're not sure what to do next.

### ✓ Recommended if:

You're unsure or want time to explore your interests in a safe environment.

## 🧠 How to Choose?

Consider these:

Your Interest/Strengths	Suggested Path
Academic subjects, languages, science	STX or HTX
Business, marketing, finance	HHX
Hands-on work, crafts, tech	VET (erhvervsuddannelse)
Health or caregiving	SOSU (VET)
Not sure yet, need more time	10th grade or Efterskole

## 🌍 Special Note: Your Background

Being of Micronesian descent while growing up in Denmark might give you a unique multicultural identity. This can be a strength in careers related to:

- **International business**
- **Languages and communication**
- **Social work and integration**
- **Global development or environmental work** (especially given Micronesia's focus in climate change discussions)

## 💡 Final Advice:

You're still young and it's okay not to have it all figured out. Start by thinking about:

- What subjects do you enjoy the most?
- Do you prefer theory or practical work?
- Would you enjoy studying for 3 more years, or do you want to get into work soon?

Would you like help exploring specific careers or schools near you? I can also help you compare STX vs HHX or other paths.