

ChatGPT



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Bulgaria. 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 a great question, and you're at an exciting point in your life where many doors are open. Since you've just finished **primary school (folkeskole)** in Denmark and you're 16, you're probably looking at what comes **after 9th or 10th grade**.

Here are the **main educational paths** available to you in Denmark, along with some advice on choosing the right one based on your interests, strengths, and goals:

♦ 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These prepare you for **higher education (university or academy-level)** and are more academically focused.

A) STX (Studentereksamen)

- Focus: Broad academic subjects – languages, humanities, sciences.
- Best if: You like general subjects and want flexibility for university options later.

B) HTX (Higher Technical Examination)

- Focus: Technology, science, and technical subjects.
- Best if: You're interested in science, IT, or engineering.

C) HHX (Higher Commercial Examination)

- Focus: Business, economics, marketing.
- Best if: You're interested in business, entrepreneurship, or finance.

D) HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)

- Shorter (2 years), often more practical and mature-student-oriented.
- Best if: You prefer a less theoretical route or want a shorter path to further education.

♦ 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - EUD)

- Combines **school and apprenticeship** (praktik).
- Leads to a skilled trade: electrician, carpenter, chef, hairdresser, healthcare assistant, etc.

- Best if: You want to **start working sooner** and like practical, hands-on work.
- You can still take further education later (like **EUX**, which combines vocational with academic education).

♦ 3. **EUX (Hybrid: Vocational + Academic Path)**

- Combines **vocational training with a general upper secondary exam**.
- Gives you both a trade and the right to apply to university.
- Best if: You want to keep your options open – practical job skills and academic qualifications.

How to Decide?

Ask yourself a few key questions:

✓ **What are your interests?**

- Like academic subjects (history, science, languages)? → STX, HTX, HHX, or HF.
- Like working with your hands or practical tasks? → EUD or EUX.

✓ **Do you want to go to university later?**

- Yes → STX, HTX, HHX, HF, or EUX.
- Not sure → EUX keeps both doors open.
- No → EUD is great for getting into the workforce earlier.

✓ **Are there areas where you already shine?**

- Math & science? → HTX.
- Business & social studies? → HHX.
- Languages or humanities? → STX.
- Practical skills and learning by doing? → EUD/EUX.

Special Note: Your Background

Being bilingual (Danish + Bulgarian) and multicultural is a strength! Consider:

- Language-focused programs (e.g. STX with a language line).
- International opportunities (some gymnasier offer **IB - International Baccalaureate** if you're interested in studying abroad later).
- Using your language skills in business, diplomacy, or translation.

My Personal Recommendation:

If you're **not 100% sure yet** but want to keep **your options open**, I'd suggest:

👉 **STX or EUX.**

- STX if you like school and want broad academic education.
- EUX if you like hands-on learning but still want access to university later.

If you'd like, I can help you **compare specific schools or programs near you** in Denmark. Just tell me your region (e.g., Copenhagen, Aarhus, etc.) and what subjects or jobs interest you most.