

ChatGPT



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Belgium. 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 both Danish and Belgian roots — it gives you some unique flexibility. In Denmark, after finishing **primary school (Folkeskole)**, you typically have several educational paths depending on your interests, goals, and learning style. Here's a clear breakdown to help you consider your options:

🎓 Main Educational Options After Primary School (Folkeskole)

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

If you're thinking about university in the future:

- **STX (Studentereksamen)**: Broad academic focus (humanities, science, social science).
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination)**: Business and economics focus.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination)**: Technology and science-oriented.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)**: Shorter (2 years), more practical, often for older students or those who want to go to university without 3 years of upper secondary school.

● **Best for you if:** You enjoy academic learning and are considering university later.

2. EUD (Erhvervsuddannelse – Vocational Education and Training)

Practical training combined with school and internships (like becoming a chef, electrician, hairdresser, etc.).

● **Best for you if:** You want hands-on work and a quicker path into a profession.

3. EUX (Combination of EUD and Gymnasium)

A combination of vocational education (EUD) and general upper secondary (like STX), allowing you to both learn a trade and qualify for university later.

● **Best for you if:** You want both a practical skill and the option to go to university.

4. IB (International Baccalaureate)

An international high school diploma taught in English, available in some Danish schools.

● **Best for you if:** You're internationally minded, might consider studying abroad, or feel a stronger connection to a non-Danish system due to your Belgian background.

Belgian Connection – Extra Options

Since your parents are Belgian, you may have the right to **Belgian or EU citizenship**, which could open opportunities in **Belgium** or other EU countries for higher education later on. Studying the **IB** or even taking **French or Dutch** seriously could help if you want to connect with Belgian opportunities later.

How to Choose?

Here are some key questions to ask yourself:

- Do I enjoy academic subjects or prefer practical learning?
 - Do I want to go to university someday?
 - Would I like to work soon after school or keep studying?
 - Am I interested in technology, business, arts, or something else?
 - Could I imagine studying or working abroad in the future?
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My Recommendation Based on What You Said:

Since you just finished primary school and are fluent in Danish, a good standard next step would be to apply for **STX** or **HHX**, depending on whether you're more into broad academics or business. If you're not sure yet, **STX** gives you the widest range of subjects and leaves the most doors open.

However, if you're more practical and want to learn a skill while keeping the university option open, **EUX** could be ideal.

And if you're internationally interested or considering studying in Belgium or elsewhere, **IB** could be a very strong fit.

Would you like help picking between STX, HHX, HTX, or another path based on your interests and strengths?