

# Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Turkmenistan. 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 already thinking seriously about your future. Since you've finished primary school in Denmark (folkeskolen), you're at a key transition point in the Danish education system. Here are your main options and some guidance based on your situation:

## 1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

These are academic tracks that prepare you for university.

### a. STX (Studentereksamen)

- Broad general education.
- Strong focus on humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences.
- Good if you're unsure what you want to study later — it keeps your options open.

### b. HTX (Teknisk Gymnasium)

- Focus on technology and natural sciences.
- Great if you're into science, engineering, or tech-related subjects.

### c. HHX (Handelsgymnasium)

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

### d. HF (Højere Forberedelseseksamen)

- A 2-year option (vs. the 3 years of the others).
- Slightly more mature environment.
- Often taken by students who want a faster route to professions like teaching, nursing, or social work.

## 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training, EUD)

- Combines school with internships (praktik) in companies.

- Leads directly to skilled jobs (e.g. electrician, carpenter, hairdresser, IT technician, etc.).
- Shorter path to employment and good if you like hands-on work or know what job you're aiming for.

## Choosing the Right Path

Here are some questions to help narrow it down:

- Do you enjoy studying theory (reading, writing, exams), or prefer learning by doing?
- Are there specific subjects or careers you're passionate about (e.g. medicine, business, design, engineering, helping others)?
- Do you want to go to university later, or start working sooner?

## My Suggestion (based on your age and background)

Since you're fluent in Danish, born and raised in Denmark, and just finished primary school, you're in a good position to succeed in the **gymnasiale** path. If you're not sure exactly what to do yet, **STX** is often the best general option — it keeps doors open. If you're more practically inclined or already have a career goal, **EUD** can be a faster and very respected route to a job.

## Final Tip:

Most schools offer **studievejledning** (study counseling). Talk to a guidance counselor — they can help you understand your local options, and even arrange “brobygning” (bridge programs) to try different paths before choosing.

Would you like a list of career ideas or school types near where you live? I can help with that too.