

# Uddannelsesvalg efter folkeskole



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 a bit about yourself — and congratulations on finishing primary school! In Denmark, after primary school (folkeskole), you have several paths you can take depending on your interests, skills, and long-term goals. Here's a breakdown of your main options, along with recommendations tailored to your situation:

## 1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

These are academically focused programs that prepare you for higher education (university, etc.).

### Main options:

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen)** – General academic program; broad subjects like languages, sciences, social studies.
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen)** – Focus on business, economics, and international trade.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen)** – Focus on science, technology, and IT.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseseksamen)** – Shorter (2 years), good if you prefer practical learning or didn't get top grades.

### Recommended if:

- You enjoy academic subjects.
- You're considering university or higher education.
- You're still exploring what career you want.

✓ **My advice:** If you like school and are curious about the world (social studies, languages, science), STX or HHX could be great. HHX might be especially interesting if you're thinking internationally, given your multicultural background.

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

These combine school and hands-on training and lead to a skilled trade or profession.

### Examples:

- Electrician, carpenter, hairdresser, chef, IT technician, health worker, etc.

- You get paid during apprenticeship.

### Recommended if:

- You want to start working sooner.
- You like hands-on/practical work.
- You're motivated by real-world experience.

✅ **My advice:** If you already have a strong interest in a job (e.g., IT, cooking, construction), an EUD path can be a smart and respected choice — and there's high demand in many skilled trades in Denmark.

## 3. Kombinationsuddannelser (EUX)

Mix of vocational training + academic subjects. Gives you both a trade *and* eligibility for university.

✅ **My advice:** If you're interested in working and studying later, this is a fantastic middle-ground.

## 4. Considerations for You Personally

Based on what you've said:

- You're fluent in Danish and grew up here — that gives you full access to all options.
- If you're bilingual or interested in languages, politics, or business, that could be a strength.
- Your cultural background can be an asset — especially in fields like international business, social work, or public service.

## ✨ Suggested Paths Based on Common Interests:

Interest	Suggested Path
You like <b>science/tech</b>	HTX or EUX IT
You like <b>business/economics</b>	HHX or EUX business
You like <b>languages/history/society</b>	STX (with humanities track)
You want to work with your hands	EUD or EUX in your chosen field
You're unsure but want broad options	STX or HF

## Final Thoughts

Take a bit of time to explore — maybe attend open house events ("åbent hus") at local schools, talk to a guidance counselor (*UU-vejleder*), or even do a short internship (*praktik*) if you can. Your next step doesn't lock you into anything forever — Denmark's education system is flexible, and many people change paths.

If you want, I can help you look at specific schools or options near where you live. Would you like that?