

ChatGPT



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Panama. 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 helps give a clear picture. Since you're 16 and just finished primary school in Denmark (which usually ends around age 15-16 with **9th or 10th grade**), you're at the point where you need to choose between different **youth education** paths.

Here's a breakdown of your main options in Denmark, and some advice to help you choose the right one based on your interests and goals:

1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are for you if you're interested in going to university in the future.

Main options:

- **STX (Studentereksamen)** – Broad academic education (science, social sciences, languages, etc.).
- **HHX (Højere Handelseksamen)** – Focus on business, economics, and marketing.
- **HTX (Højere Teknisk Eksamen)** – Focus on technology, natural sciences, and engineering.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseksamen)** – A 2-year option, often for more mature students or those wanting a shorter route.

Recommended if:

- You enjoy academic subjects (math, science, languages, etc.).
- You think you might want to go to university later.
- You're not yet sure exactly what job or field you want, but want to keep your options open.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – EUD/EGU)

These are for you if you're more interested in **learning a trade** and **starting work sooner**, often combining school with apprenticeships.

Examples of fields:

- Carpenter, electrician, mechanic, chef, hairdresser, IT-supporter, healthcare assistant, etc.

Recommended if:

- You prefer hands-on, practical learning.
 - You already have an idea of what kind of job or skill you want.
 - You want to start earning money sooner while you learn.
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Bonus idea: Combine your Danish and Panamanian background

Because you're bilingual and bicultural, you could also think ahead about careers where that's a strength:

- **International business** (HHX could be good here)
 - **Tourism and hospitality**
 - **Languages and translation**
 - **NGOs or international relations** (STX or HF could lead to university studies in this area)
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How to choose?

Here are a few questions to ask yourself:

1. **Do I enjoy school subjects like math, science, languages, or history?**
 2. **Do I want to go to university someday?**
 3. **Would I rather work with my hands or with people?**
 4. **Do I already know what job or field I'm interested in?**
 5. **Am I more motivated by practical work or academic study?**
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Suggested next steps:

- Visit your local **UU-vejleder (Youth Guidance Center)** – they can give you personal help.
 - Visit schools (Gymnasium or vocational) during open house events.
 - Talk to family, teachers, or older students about their choices and why they made them.
 - If you're unsure, many students start with **STX or HF** to keep options open — and you can always change paths later.
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Would you like help figuring out which gymnasium or vocational school in your area might fit best? Or maybe you want to tell me what you're interested in, and I can suggest a specific path?