ChatGPT

> I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from the Philippines. 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 a really important point in your life. Since you've just finished primary school in Denmark (which usually ends after 9th grade), you now have a few main options to consider, depending on your interests, goals, and how you prefer to learn. Here's a clear breakdown to help you decide:

🎓 Main Educational Paths in Denmark After Primary School

1. Gymnasium (STX, HHX, HTX) – General Upper Secondary Education (3 years)

If you're aiming for **university or higher education**, this is the most common path.

- STX (Almen studentereksamen)

- Focus: Broad academic subjects (languages, social sciences, natural sciences).
- Good if you're unsure but want to keep university options open.

- HHX (Højere Handelseksamen)

- Focus: Business, economics, and international trade.
- Great if you're interested in business, finance, or entrepreneurship.

- HTX (Højere Teknisk Eksamen)

- Focus: Technology, science, and innovation.
- Ideal if you're into STEM (science, tech, engineering, math).

🟢 *Why choose this path?*
It's best if you enjoy studying theory, want to go to university later, and are academically oriented.

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2. EUD/Erhvervsuddannelse – Vocational Education and Training

- Combines school and practical training (apprenticeship).
- Prepares you for a **trade or profession**, e.g., electrician, carpenter, chef, health care assistant, etc.

- You can still get access to higher education later through *EUX*, which mixes vocational and academic subjects.

🟢 *Why choose this path?*

Great if you like **hands-on work** and want to start a career faster, without necessarily going to university.

3. EUX – Vocational + Academic Combo (4–5 years)

- Combines EUD with upper secondary academic subjects.

- Lets you both **get a trade and qualify for university** later.

🟢 *Why choose this path?*

If you want the **practical skills of a trade** but don't want to close the door to university, EUX gives you both.

🇵🇭 Cultural Background & Language

Being of Filipino descent and fluent in Danish is a strength. Here are a few extra things to consider:

- If you're bilingual (e.g., speak Tagalog or another Filipino language), that can be a huge advantage in **international business, diplomacy, or healthcare**.

- Consider programs with **international elements** (like International Business on HHX or international lines in STX).

- Some schools offer **bilingual IB programs** (International Baccalaureate), which might be interesting if you're aiming to study abroad someday.

🤔 How to Choose the Right Path?

Ask yourself:

1. Do I enjoy **academic studies**, or do I prefer **practical, hands-on learning**?

2. Do I want to go to **university**, or would I rather **start working sooner**?

3. Am I interested in specific fields like **business**, **tech**, **healthcare**, **arts**, etc.?

🧭 Personal Recommendation

Since you just finished primary school, here are two likely good options to explore:

If you're curious, open-minded, and want many future opportunities:

→ **STX** or **HHX**, depending on your interest in general subjects vs. business.

If you prefer learning by doing and want to enter a trade:

→ **EUD** or **EUX**, especially if you already have a career idea (like IT, mechanics, hospitality, healthcare).

Would you like help narrowing it down based on what subjects or careers you're most interested in? Or would you like to hear about specific schools in your area?