

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Rwanda. 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—you're at an exciting point in life where you get to shape your future. Since you just finished **primary school** (in Denmark, that's typically after **9th or 10th grade**), you now have several **educational paths** to choose from depending on your interests, strengths, and career goals.

Here's a clear breakdown of your main options in Denmark after primary school:

♦ 1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

If you're interested in going to university later.

Main options:

- **STX** (Almen studentereksamen) – broad and academic, great for university
- **HHX** (Højere handelseksamen) – focus on business and economics
- **HTX** (Højere teknisk eksamen) – focus on science and technology
- **HF** (Højere forberedelseseksamen) – shorter (2 years), more practice-oriented, good for adult learners or students who want more flexibility

✓ Choose this path if:

- You enjoy academic subjects
- You're interested in going to university
- You're not 100% sure yet what you want to do – it keeps your options open

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

If you're more hands-on and want to **learn a trade or start working sooner**, possibly while still having the option to continue studying.

- **EUD**: Apprenticeship + school, trains you for a specific job (e.g. carpenter, chef, electrician)
- **EUX**: Combines EUD with more academic subjects, so you **get a vocational education and a studentereksamen** – opens both job and university opportunities

✓ Choose this path if:

- You like learning by doing

- You want to start earning money earlier
- You want job security and practical skills
- You want a path that's respected and flexible (EUX especially)

♦ 3. Other possibilities

- **10th grade** – Optional year to mature and think more about your path
- **Efterskole** – A great social and personal experience, often combined with 10th grade or preparation for gymnasial/vocational education
- **International/IB schools** – If you're aiming for global opportunities and fluent in English

Things to think about

Ask yourself:

- Do I prefer academic or practical learning?
- Do I have a dream job or area of interest (e.g. healthcare, tech, business, design)?
- Am I motivated in school or more hands-on?
- Do I want to go to university later?

Example paths based on interest:

Interest	Suggested Path
Business, economics	HHX or EUX Business
Science, tech, IT	HTX or EUX Technical
Healthcare, social work	HF or EUX (e.g. SOSU)
Construction, crafts	EUD (e.g. electrician, carpenter)
University (general)	STX or HF

My personal recommendation

Since you're fluent in Danish and have just finished primary school, I'd suggest:

If you're unsure or want to keep your options open:

Go for **STX** or **EUX** depending on whether you enjoy more academic or more practical learning.

If you already know you like working with your hands or a specific job field:

Go for **EUD** or **EUX** in that field – it's a smart and respected choice in Denmark.

Would you like to tell me more about what you're interested in (subjects you like, what you enjoy doing), so I can give more tailored advice?