

# Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Serbia. 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 in an important moment of your life where your choices can really shape your future. Since you're 16 and just finished primary school in Denmark (likely meaning *folkeskole*), you're now choosing between the main post-primary education paths. Here's a breakdown and some guidance to help you choose what fits best:

# Danish Education Pathways After 9th/10th Grade

You usually have three main options after *folkeskole*:

## 🔊 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These prepare you for university.

- **STX** (*Studentereksamen*): Focus on a mix of humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences. Ideal if you enjoy academic subjects.
- **HHX** (*Højere Handelseksamen*): Focus on business, economics, and languages. Good if you're interested in commerce or entrepreneurship.
- **HTX** (*Højere Teknisk Eksamen*): Focus on technology, science, and innovation. Good if you like STEM subjects.
- **HF** (*Højere Forberedelseseksamen*): A shorter 2-year option, more practical, for students who may not want a full 3-year program.

# Choose this path if:

You enjoy studying theory, want to go to university, and are not yet sure what job you want.

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

These combine school with hands-on training at a workplace. You'll become a skilled worker (*faglært*). Examples:

• Electrician, carpenter, chef, mechanic, health worker, IT-supporter.

#### Choose this path if:

You want to start working sooner, enjoy practical skills, and maybe want to become self-employed or

take a short path to higher education later (EUX option combines EUD with general subjects).

# 3. EUX - The "dual" option

This combines vocational education with general education subjects, so you can both work as a skilled professional and still have access to university.

#### Choose this if:

You want the best of both worlds: job-ready skills and future academic opportunities.

# Based on What You Said...

Since you're fluent in Danish, born and raised in Denmark, and have both local and Serbian cultural background, you're well positioned for many paths. Here are a few things to ask yourself:

- Do you enjoy academic subjects like history, math, science, or literature?
- Are you more interested in hands-on, practical work or theoretical thinking?
- Do you already have a career interest (e.g. business, IT, healthcare, construction)?
- Do you want to **go to university later** or **start working sooner**?

# My Recommendation (based on common paths and flexibility):

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

#### > STX or EUX

STX gives the most flexibility for university. EUX gives you both work-ready skills and university access.

#### If you're hands-on and want a faster path to a career:

**EUD with a strong profession** (like IT, electrician, or healthcare)

### If you're into business or want to start your own company one day:

**HHX** – Business-focused, with language and economics.

Would you like help choosing between specific schools or programs in your area? Or do you want to tell me more about your interests (what subjects you like, hobbies, dream job, etc.), so I can give you a more personal recommendation?