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I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Palau. 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—it's great that you're thinking ahead! At 16 in Denmark, you're at a key decision point after finishing **folkeskole** (**primary/lower secondary school**). Since you're fluent in Danish and grew up here, you have the same educational opportunities as most Danish students. The next step depends on **your interests, career goals, and learning style**, but I'll lay out the main paths and help you think through which might suit you best.

Main Educational Paths After 9th/10th Grade in Denmark

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General upper secondary education)

These are academic and prepare you for university. Good if you enjoy theory, reading, and want to keep your options open.

- **STX (Studentereksamen)** broad, includes sciences, languages, humanities. Great for university access.
- **HHX (Handelsskolens studentereksamen)** focus on business, economics, marketing. Ideal for future business careers or business uni studies.
- HTX (Teknisk studentereksamen) technology, science, IT, engineering.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseseksamen)** shorter (2 years), more flexible. For mature students or if you want faster university access.
- Best for: University-minded students, or those still exploring options.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational education and training / EUD)

These combine school and work (apprenticeships). You learn a trade and often earn money during the training.

Examples:

- Electrician, carpenter, mechanic
- Hairdresser, chef, baker
- Health care assistant, child care, etc.
- **6** Best for: Hands-on learners who want to start working earlier and like practical skills.



3. EUX - A combination of vocational + academic

This is a **hybrid**: you get a **vocational qualification AND a studentereksamen** so you can both work after and go to university.

** Best for: Students who want flexibility — maybe to work as a professional (e.g. electrician or IT tech) but also keep uni as an option.

4. 10th Grade (Frivillig 10. klasse)

Optional extra year to mature, explore, or strengthen grades.

**Best for: Students who aren't ready to choose yet or need better grades or confidence before upper secondary education.

What You Should Think About

Ask yourself:

- Do I enjoy academic learning (books, theory), or practical work (hands-on, real-world)?
- Do I want to go to university later, or start working earlier?
- What subjects or activities do I enjoy most? (E.g. tech, business, helping people, building, writing)

PSome Personal Suggestions Based on You

Since you've finished primary school and speak fluent Danish, you have a lot of options open. A few ideas based on common interests:

If you like	Consider
Business, finance, travel	HHX or EUX Business
Tech, IT, science	HTX or EUX Technical
Helping people, social work	HF, EUD Social & Health, or STX with psychology/sociology
Working with your hands	EUD or EUX in a trade (e.g. electrician, chef, mechanic)
Arts, media, humanities	STX or HF with focus on arts or language
Not sure what to do yet	10th grade, then decide

🕟 Bonus: Your Palauan Background

Being from a unique background (Palauan) can be an advantage—if you're interested in **international work**, **global studies**, or even **tourism** (especially in the Pacific region), that identity could be an asset in language, culture, or diversity-oriented careers.

Would you like help narrowing it down based on your interests? If you tell me what subjects or activities you enjoy most, I can recommend a more specific path for you.