

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Grenada. 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?

Excellent — you're at an important crossroads, and it's great you're thinking carefully about your next step. Since you just finished primary school (which in Denmark is *folkeskole* — usually up to 9th or 10th grade depending on your path), your options depend a bit on your interests, ambitions, and how academic or practical you want your next years to be. Let's go through your main options in Denmark:

1 Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education — Academic)

If you're aiming for university in the future, or you're interested in keeping many doors open, this is usually the most common path.

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen)**
The most general gymnasium. Focuses on humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences. Good if you're not sure yet.
- **HHX (Handelsskole - Higher Commercial Examination)**
Focus on business, economics, marketing, international trade. Very good if you're curious about commerce or want to go into business or economics.
- **HTX (Teknisk Gymnasium)**
Focus on technology, IT, natural sciences, and technical subjects. Great for engineering, IT, or science.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseksamen)**
A bit shorter (2 years), more practical/theoretical mix. Often good for students who want a more flexible way to qualify for higher education.

👉 *Recommended if:* You enjoy schoolwork, want the option of university or higher education later, or want to keep your options open.

2 Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - EUD)

If you want to get practical skills and go directly into a profession or trade.

- Includes things like electrician, carpenter, chef, hairdresser, healthcare assistant, mechanic, IT-supporter, etc.
- Often combines school and paid apprenticeships (*læreplads*).
- Denmark has a very strong vocational system with high job placement after.

👉 *Recommended if:* You enjoy practical, hands-on learning; want to get into work relatively quickly; or have a specific trade in mind.

3 Kombinationsuddannelser (Combination Programs)

There are also combination programs like EUX — combining vocational and academic education. For example, you can train as an electrician while also qualifying for higher education.

👉 *Recommended if:* You want both a trade and the option to pursue university studies later.

4 Alternative/International Options

- International Baccalaureate (IB) — offered in Denmark too; very good if you're considering international studies.
 - Efterskole for one year (if you haven't already) — great for personal development, language, social life, and sometimes a bit of academic catch-up or exploration.
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A few extra factors to consider:

- Your strengths: Do you enjoy math? Languages? Sciences? Hands-on work?
 - Your long-term dreams: University? A trade? Starting a business? Working internationally?
 - Your parents' and your own cultural background might also make international studies interesting at some point.
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👉 **If you tell me a bit more (e.g. your interests, what subjects you like, whether you're more academic or practical), I can give you a much more tailored recommendation.**

Shall we go a bit deeper?

For example:

- What are your favorite school subjects?
- Do you like hands-on work?
- Do you imagine going to university later?
- Any dreams yet (job, career, etc.)?