

# Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Timor-Leste. 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 time in your life to be thinking carefully about your future. Since you've just finished primary school in Denmark (which typically means you completed **9th grade**, or maybe 10th if you stayed an extra year), your next steps depend on a mix of your interests, strengths, and long-term goals. Here's a breakdown of the common options available in Denmark after primary school, along with guidance tailored to you:

## 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

These are academic tracks that prepare you for higher education, like university.

### Common Types:

- **STX** (Alment gymnasium): Broad general education with humanities, sciences, and social studies.
- **HHX** (Business gymnasium): Focus on business, economics, and international trade.
- **HTX** (Technical gymnasium): Focus on science, technology, and design.
- **HF**: A 2-year program, often used by older students or those who want a shorter academic route.

### Recommended if:

- You like academic subjects (e.g. Danish, math, sciences).
- You might want to go to university later.
- You're not yet sure what career you want and want to keep doors open.

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

These are job-focused programs that combine school and apprenticeships in companies.

### Examples of fields:

- Electrician, mechanic, chef, carpenter
- Hairdresser, IT support, health care worker

### Recommended if:

- You prefer hands-on learning and practical skills.
- You want to start working earlier and don't necessarily want university.
- You're interested in a specific trade or profession.

## What Might Work Well for You?

Since you're bilingual, culturally diverse, and living in Denmark with Timorese heritage, you might have unique strengths that can open interesting doors.

Here are some tailored ideas:

### If you're not sure yet:

- **STX or HHX** might be a good general choice to keep options open while you explore your interests.

### If you're into business, languages, or international topics:

- **HHX** could be a strong match. Your background might give you an advantage in global studies or languages.

### If you're more technical or creative:

- **HTX** is great if you like IT, technology, design, or science. Jobs in those areas are in high demand.

### If you're very hands-on:

- **EUD** could get you into the workforce faster with strong skills. You can also later continue to higher education (e.g. via EUX).

## Other Tips:

- **EUX:** Combines vocational training with academic courses — gives you both a trade and the right to go to university later. Great if you're practical but want options.
- **Brug vejleder:** Your school or local "ungdomsuddannelsesvejleder" (youth guidance counselor) can help you understand your choices in detail.

## Final Thoughts

You're in a strong position: fluent in Danish, connected to two cultures, and starting at a good age. The key is to choose something that feels exciting *and* practical for you.

Would you like to tell me a bit more about what you're interested in? For example:

- Subjects you enjoy most?
- Hobbies or things you like doing?
- Any career ideas you've thought about?

With a bit more info, I can help you choose even more precisely.