

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Yemen. 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 it's great that you're thinking carefully about your future. In Denmark, after completing primary school (**folkeskole**), you have several solid educational paths depending on your interests, strengths, and career goals. Here's a breakdown to help you choose:

♦ 1. Gymnasium (STX, HHX, HTX) – Academic Upper Secondary Education

If you're interested in going to **university** later, this is the most common route.

• STX (Alment Gymnasium)

- Focus: Broad academic subjects (Danish, history, science, languages, etc.)
- Best if you're unsure but want many future study options
- Path to most university degrees

• HHX (Handelsskole)

- Focus: Business, economics, marketing, international trade
- Best if you're interested in business or finance
- Good preparation for business-related university programs

• HTX (Teknisk Gymnasium)

- Focus: Science, technology, IT, and engineering
- Best if you enjoy math, technology, or want to be an engineer or work in tech

Length: 3 years

Result: Studentereksamen (access to higher education)

♦ 2. EUD or EUX – Vocational Education and Training

If you want to **start working sooner** or prefer **practical learning**, this could be ideal.

• EUD (Erhvervsuddannelse)

- Combines school and apprenticeship in a company
- Professions: mechanic, carpenter, hairdresser, chef, healthcare assistant, etc.
- Usually 2–4 years

• **EUX (Vocational + Academic)**

- A combination of EUD and gymnasium
- Lets you **both learn a trade** and **qualify for university**
- Longer, but gives you **both options**

◆ **3. 10th Grade (10. klasse)**

- Optional extra year of school to **mature or explore**
- Good if you're unsure about your next step or want to improve grades
- Some schools offer 10th with focus areas like sports, media, or technology

How to Choose:

Ask yourself:

- Do I enjoy **academic subjects**, or prefer **hands-on** learning?
- Do I want to **go to university**, or **start a job/apprenticeship** sooner?
- Am I more interested in **science/tech**, **economics/business**, **arts/languages**, or **practical work**?

✨ **Example Scenarios:**

- If you enjoy school and want to become a doctor, engineer, lawyer, or teacher → **STX or HTX**.
- If you're interested in business and want to work in finance or marketing → **HHX**.
- If you want to become a hairdresser, chef, mechanic, or work in healthcare → **EUD or EUX**.
- If you're unsure and want a bit more time to grow → **10th grade**.

Extra Tip as a Child of Immigrant Parents:

Sometimes it's helpful to talk with others like yourself who have navigated the Danish system. Consider:

- Talking to a school counselor (**UU-vejleder**)
- Exploring mentoring programs for young people with minority backgrounds
- Looking for internships or work experience to help guide your decision

Would you like help figuring out which of these paths might fit you best based on your interests or goals? I can help you think through that too.