

# Uddannelsesmuligheder i Danmark



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Mexico. 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 seriously about your future! Since you're 16 and just finished primary school in Denmark, your next step depends a lot on your interests, your academic strengths, and your career goals. Here's a breakdown of your main options in the Danish education system and some thoughts on how to choose:

## Main Options After Primary School in Denmark

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

This is the academic path that prepares you for university.

- **STX (Studentereksamen)** – Broadest education, good if you're not sure yet what you want to study.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination)** – Focus on business, economics, marketing.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination)** – Focus on science, technology, and engineering.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)** – Shorter (2 years), more practical, often for those who want to enter social or healthcare fields.

✓ *Recommended if:* You want to go to university or explore a wide range of academic subjects.

### 2. Vocational Education and Training (EUD/Erhvervsuddannelse)

This combines school with apprenticeship. You learn a trade and often get paid during your training.

Examples:

- Electrician
- Carpenter
- Hairdresser
- Social and Health Care Assistant (SOSU)
- IT Supporter

✓ *Recommended if:* You want to get a job sooner, work with your hands, or prefer learning by doing.

## How to Choose?

Here are some questions to ask yourself:

- **Do you enjoy studying academic subjects?** → Consider STX or HTX.
  - **Do you prefer practical, hands-on work?** → Look at vocational training (EUD).
  - **Are you interested in business or economics?** → HHX could be a great fit.
  - **Do you want to go to university someday?** → Any gymnasial path works, but STX or HTX are most flexible.
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## Being Bilingual and Multicultural

Your Mexican background and fluency in Danish are huge assets! They could open doors in:

- **International business**
  - **Tourism or hospitality**
  - **Translation/interpretation**
  - **Diplomacy**
  - **Education or social work with multicultural communities**
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## Final Advice

1. **Talk to a guidance counselor (UU-vejleder)** – They can help match your interests with the right program.
  2. **Visit schools or apprenticeship places** – Many offer open house events or intro courses ("brobygning").
  3. **Don't stress too much about a "perfect" choice** – In Denmark, it's quite flexible to change paths later.
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If you want, I can help you explore career ideas based on your interests. What subjects or activities do you enjoy the most?