

# Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Kyrgyzstan. 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 an important decision. Since you're 16 and have just completed primary school in Denmark (likely 9th or 10th grade), you're at a natural transition point. Here are the most common and relevant educational paths you can consider in Denmark, along with suggestions depending on your interests and goals:

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

If you're interested in going to university later, these are the most common options:

### STX (Studentereksamen)

- General academic focus (humanities, sciences, social sciences)
- Good if you like subjects like Danish, English, history, math, or biology
- Prepares you well for university
- Duration: 3 years

### HHX (Højere Handelseksamen)

- Focus on business, economics, marketing
- Great if you're interested in entrepreneurship, economics, or working in companies
- Duration: 3 years

### HTX (Højere Teknisk Eksamen)

- Focus on technology, science, and innovation
- Good if you like physics, technology, programming, or engineering
- Duration: 3 years

### HF (Højere Forberedelseseksamen)

- More practical and shorter (2 years)
- Good for students who want a quicker route to professional education or university
- Often used by those who didn't enjoy traditional school much

## ♦ 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training, EUD)

If you want to start working earlier and like hands-on learning, this is a strong option.

- Includes apprenticeships (praktik) in real workplaces
- You can become a carpenter, mechanic, hairdresser, chef, electrician, etc.
- You **can still go to university later** with certain additions (EUX)

### EUX

- Combines vocational training with general upper secondary education
- Gives you both a trade and the ability to go to university
- Ideal if you're unsure whether you want to study or work after school

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## ♦ 3. Other Options

- **10th Grade:** Some students choose to take an extra year of 10th grade, often at an **efterskole**, to mature, explore interests, or improve grades.
- **International education:** If you're fluent in Danish but want to strengthen English or global outlook, some **IB (International Baccalaureate)** or English-taught gymnasium programs may be appealing.

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## ☀ What to Consider Based on You

Since you're fluent in Danish and grew up in Denmark, you have full access to the system. Here are some personal questions to guide your choice:

- Do you want to go to university later? → STX, HHX, HTX, or HF
- Do you enjoy practical, hands-on work? → EUD or EUX
- Are you unsure what you want yet? → Consider 10th grade or STX for a broad education
- Interested in entrepreneurship, business, or tech? → HHX or HTX
- Want flexibility to keep doors open? → EUX is a very strong and underrated option

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If you'd like, I can help you narrow down options based on your **interests**, **grades**, and **goals**. Do you want to share what kind of subjects or activities you enjoy?