

# Uddannelsesvalg efter folkeskole



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

Thanks for sharing your background — it helps a lot in offering good advice. Since you're 16 and have just finished **primary school in Denmark**, there's a bit of confusion, because in Denmark, most people finish **primary and lower secondary education (Folkeskole)** around age **15 or 16** after 9th or 10th grade.

Assuming you've just finished **9th or 10th grade**, here are your **main educational options** in Denmark:

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

These are academic and prepare you for university. Best if you enjoy subjects like languages, history, science, or math.

- **STX (Studentereksamen)** broad academic program (good if you're undecided or want university options)
- HHX (Higher Commercial Exam) business and economics focused
- HTX (Higher Technical Exam) focus on science, tech, and engineering
- **HF (Higher Prep Exam)** shorter (2 years), often more practical, good for those who want quicker access to further education
- Best for: University ambitions or keeping doors open.

## **№** 2. EUD (Erhvervsuddannelse / Vocational Education and Training)

Practical, career-oriented. You learn a trade or craft, often with apprenticeships.

#### Examples:

- Electrician
- Carpenter
- Hairdresser
- IT support technician
- Chef
- ☑ Best for: Hands-on learners who want to work sooner and prefer real-world skills over academics.



These are for people who aren't quite ready for gymnasium or EUD and want to explore options or get stronger academic skills.

Best for: If you're unsure, or didn't feel ready for gymnasium or EUD.

#### International Considerations

Since your parents are Irish, you technically have an EU background, and if you're bilingual or interested in international careers, you might:

- Look into International Baccalaureate (IB) a global alternative to STX, offered in some Danish schools.
- Consider language-heavy programs if you enjoy English/Irish culture and might study or work abroad.

#### **Recommendation for You**

Since you're:

- Fluent in Danish
- Finished primary/lower secondary
- Of Irish background (bilingual/multicultural)
- Not yet sure what to do next

#### I recommend:

**STX or IB** if you're academically curious and want the broadest future options.

**EUD** if you're already drawn to a specific trade or career.

**HF** if you want a middle ground — academic, but shorter and a bit more practical.

Would you like help exploring STX subjects, vocational paths, or nearby schools in Denmark?