

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from The Republic of Moldova. 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 excellent that you're thinking seriously about your next steps at 16. Since you've just completed primary school in Denmark and you're fluent in Danish, you have several strong options available to you. Let's walk through your main choices and what might suit you depending on your interests and goals.

Main Educational Paths in Denmark After Primary School

After **folkeskole**, students typically choose between:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are academic paths that prepare you for university:


- **STX (Almen studentereksamen)** – General upper secondary education. Broad academic focus (humanities, sciences, social sciences).
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen)** – Focus on business, economics, and international trade.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen)** – Focus on technology, natural sciences, and innovation.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseksamen)** – Shorter (2-year) option, more flexible, often used by older students or those wanting quicker access to university.

 **Recommended if:** You enjoy academic subjects and think you may want to go to university.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training / VET)

These are practical, hands-on programs where you train for a specific job (e.g., electrician, mechanic, hairdresser, IT-supporter).

- Combines school with apprenticeship/workplace training.
- Can also lead to higher education, especially with **EUX**, which combines vocational training with upper secondary school subjects.

 **Recommended if:** You prefer learning by doing, want to start working earlier, or are interested in a specific trade or profession.

3. EUX – The Best of Both Worlds

This combines vocational training with academic subjects from gymnasiale uddannelser, allowing you to get a studentereksamen **and** a trade certificate.

📌 **Recommended if:** You want both practical training and the option to go to university later.

What Should You Consider?

🧠 Your Interests:

- Do you like science, literature, tech, business, or working with your hands?
- Do you prefer studying academically or learning through hands-on experience?

🕒 Your Goals:

- Do you want to go to university?
- Are you more interested in starting a job and becoming independent sooner?

🌍 Your Background:

- With Moldovan heritage and Danish fluency, you might have strong intercultural skills. You could explore paths that benefit from that—such as **international business, language studies, or EU law/politics** in the long term.
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Example Scenarios

- **You love tech & science** → HTX or EUX with a tech focus.
 - **You want to run a business someday** → HHX or EUX business track.
 - **You enjoy hands-on work** → Erhvervsuddannelse or EUX.
 - **You're unsure but want to keep your options open** → STX is a safe, flexible choice.
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Would you like help deciding based on your personal interests or strengths? I can guide you further if you tell me what subjects or activities you enjoy most.