

# Uddannelsesvalg efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Kiribati. 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's great that you're thinking carefully about your next steps! Since you're 16 and have completed primary/lower secondary education (what in Denmark is typically called *folkeskole*), you're now at a key transition point in the Danish education system.

Here are the most common paths available to you, each suited to different interests and goals:

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

If you're aiming for university or want to keep your options open:

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen):** General upper secondary school. Broad education in humanities, science, and social science. Good for university.
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen):** Focus on business, economics, and marketing. Good if you're into commerce or entrepreneurship.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen):** Emphasis on science and technology. Perfect if you like tech, biology, or engineering.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseseksamen):** A shorter, 2-year program (usually for 18+), but there are HF options for 16-year-olds too.

● **Best if:** You enjoy academic work, might want to go to university, or aren't sure yet what you want long-term.

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

If you're more into practical, hands-on work:

- These programs combine school and apprenticeships (*praktik*) in areas like:
  - **Technology and Industry** (e.g., electrician, mechanic)
  - **Health and Care** (e.g., social- and health assistant)
  - **Commerce and Retail** (e.g., sales, administration)
  - **Food and Hospitality** (e.g., chef, baker)

● **Best if:** You want to learn a trade, start working earlier, or you prefer learning-by-doing.

### ♦ 3. Kombinerede forløb (EUX) – Mix of Academic and Vocational

This combines vocational training with a gymnasial level of academic education.

- You get both a trade and a study-qualifying exam, so you can work *or* go to university later.

● **Best if:** You want both practical skills and academic opportunities.

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### ♦ 4. 10th Grade (10. klasse)

If you want to mature a bit more before choosing:

- Optional extra year after 9th grade
- Can help you improve grades, explore interests, and get more clarity before choosing a direction.
- Some schools offer themed 10th grade years (e.g., sports, tech, international focus).

● **Best if:** You're unsure what to choose next and want time to think, build confidence, or improve your academic standing.

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### What to consider when choosing:

- **What subjects do you enjoy most?** (Math, languages, science, practical work?)
  - **Do you want to go to university or start working earlier?**
  - **Do you like hands-on learning or more traditional classroom learning?**
  - **Would you benefit from more time to explore, like in 10th grade?**
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If you'd like, you can tell me more about:

- Your favorite school subjects
- What kind of career interests you (if any)
- Whether you're more into theory or practical work

...then I can give you more personal guidance.