

Uddannelsesvalg i Danmark



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Saint Lucia. 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—that helps a lot. Since you just finished primary school in Denmark and you're 16, you're at a key decision point. In Denmark, after primary/lower secondary school (folkeskole), your next step typically depends on your interests, goals, and whether you lean more toward academic or hands-on learning.

Here are the main **educational paths** available to you now:

🎓 1. General Upper Secondary Education (Gymnasiale uddannelser)

These are academic programs that prepare you for university.

Main Options:

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen)** – Broad academic focus (humanities, science, social science).
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen)** – Focus on business, economics, and languages.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen)** – Focus on technology, science, and innovation.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseseksamen)** – Shorter, more flexible (2 years), good for those who want to go to university but prefer a less traditional route.

✅ Choose this if:

- You're interested in subjects like math, science, languages, business, or social studies.
- You might want to go to university or a professional bachelor program later.

🔧 2. Vocational Education and Training (Erhvervsuddannelser / EUD)

These are hands-on programs that prepare you directly for a job. You combine school with apprenticeship (praktik).

Examples of fields:

- Electrician, carpenter, chef, IT supporter, child care assistant, hairdresser, etc.

✅ Choose this if:

- You prefer practical learning and want to start working sooner.

- You want a skilled job without going to university.
- You can still take extra courses to qualify for higher education later (via **EUX**).

💡 **EUX**: A hybrid where you get both vocational training *and* a study-qualifying exam like STX. Great if you want both options open.




3. Other Options

- **10th grade (10. klasse)** – Some students choose this to get more time or improve grades before starting upper secondary education.
- **International programs** – If you're interested in studying in English, there are international high schools or IB programs in Denmark.
- **Specialized schools** – Like **efterskole**, **produktionsskole**, or youth boarding schools that focus on personal development, arts, sports, etc.

Some Things to Think About:

- Do you enjoy reading, writing, discussing ideas? → **STX or HF**
- Do you like numbers, economy, or business? → **HHX**
- Are you into technology, engineering, or innovation? → **HTX**
- Do you want to learn a trade and get a job quickly? → **EUD or EUX**
- Not ready yet or want to improve your skills? → **10th grade or efterskole**

Based on What You Shared:

- You speak Danish fluently 
- You're culturally diverse (Saint Lucia background), which might give you an edge in international environments 
- You're 16, so you're a bit older than some, meaning you might be more mature and ready to make a solid decision 

Would you like help exploring a specific path—like if you're leaning toward a trade or a university education later? Or are there subjects you enjoy (like science, art, business, etc.)? That can help narrow it down.