

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Liechtenstein. 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 and exciting place to be in your life—congratulations on finishing primary school! In Denmark, at 16, you're likely transitioning from **folkeskolen** (primary and lower secondary school) to what's called **ungdomsuddannelse** (youth education), which typically lasts 2–4 years. Your next step depends on your interests, strengths, and whether you're aiming for university, a profession, or something more hands-on.

Here are your main options:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are academic and aimed at preparing for university. You'll typically be 16–19 years old here.

Options include:

- **STX (Studentereksamen):** Broad and academic. Great if you like humanities, languages, science, or social studies.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination):** Focus on business, economics, and marketing.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination):** Focus on technology, science, and innovation.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination):** Shorter, 2-year general program. Good if you want flexibility or didn't finish 9th grade in a traditional way.

✓ Good for you if:

- You're aiming for university
- You enjoy school subjects
- You're not sure yet what field you want to go into

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training / EUD)

This is for becoming skilled in a specific trade, and combines school with apprenticeships in real workplaces.

Areas include:

- Carpentry, plumbing, and electricians

- Hairdressing, cooking, hospitality
- IT, media, mechanics, health care, and more

✓ Good for you if:

- You like practical, hands-on work
- You want to get a job quickly after education
- You prefer learning by doing rather than just studying

There's also a **EUX** option – a mix of vocational and academic, so you can get a trade qualification and still have the option for university.

3. International or Alternative Options

Given your Liechtenstein roots, you might also consider:

- **Studying abroad** in Liechtenstein, Switzerland, or Austria if you're interested in your heritage or want a different experience.
- **IB (International Baccalaureate)**: Offered in some Danish schools. Academic and globally recognized, good if you want international university options.

How to decide?

Here are some questions to help guide you:

- Do you enjoy academic learning or prefer practical activities?
- Do you want to go to university, or start working soon?
- Are you interested in business, tech, creative work, healthcare, or something else?
- Would you prefer to study in Danish, or are you open to English or German-based programs?

My suggestion (based on what you've shared):

Since you're fluent in Danish, were born in Denmark, and just finished primary school there, you're well-suited for the **Danish gymnasium system**. If you're open to academic learning, I'd suggest:

➔ **STX or HTX**, depending on your interest in humanities vs. tech/science.

If you're more practical and want real-world experience while still keeping your options open:

➔ **EUX** could be a great path—it's flexible and lets you work or study further later.

Would you like help comparing two specific options, or advice based on your interests (e.g., tech, medicine, art)?