

# Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. 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 great to hear — finishing primary school is a big step. In Denmark, after primary school (folkeskolen), you have several educational paths available, depending on your interests, goals, and learning style. Here's a breakdown of the main options and some recommendations based on different types of interests and ambitions:

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

These are 2–3-year academic programs that prepare you for university.

### Main options:

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen)** – Broad and academic; good if you like languages, social sciences, or natural sciences.
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen)** – Focus on business, economics, and languages.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen)** – Focus on technology, science, and innovation.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseksamen)** – A 2-year academic program; more practical and often used as a second-chance option.

### Recommended if:

- You're considering university.
- You enjoy academic subjects.
- You want to keep your options open.

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

These combine school and apprenticeship in a company, leading to a trade or craft.

### Examples:

- Electrician
- Carpenter
- Hairdresser
- Healthcare assistant

- Chef

 *Recommended if:*

- You want to enter the job market with a skilled trade.
- You enjoy hands-on learning.
- You're not as interested in traditional academic study.

### ♦ **3. Kombinerede forløb (EUX)**

A hybrid program that combines a vocational education with academic studies so you can both get a trade and qualify for university.

 *Recommended if:*

- You want job skills AND the possibility to go to university.
- You're hardworking and want the best of both worlds.

### ♦ **What should *you* consider?**

Since you're 16, born and raised in Denmark, fluent in Danish, and with a multicultural background, you have a strong foundation. Consider:

#### ➤ **Do you enjoy school and academic subjects?**

- If yes → STX, HHX, or HTX might be a good fit.

#### ➤ **Do you like more practical, hands-on work?**

- If yes → EUD or EUX could be ideal.

#### ➤ **Do you know what you want to do in the future?**

- If not sure → STX is the broadest, while EUX keeps doors open for both work and university.

### ♦ **Final Advice**

Here are a few things you can do now:

1. **Visit educational fairs or info nights** at local schools (e.g. "Brobygning").
2. **Talk to a vejleder (school counselor)** at UU-vejledningen – they help 15–17-year-olds in Denmark make these decisions.
3. **Try a short internship or job shadowing** to see what work life is like in different careers.
4. **Think long-term:** university, trade, or business? What suits your strengths?

If you tell me more about what subjects or activities you enjoy, I can give you a more tailored recommendation.