

Uddannelsesvalg efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Zambia. 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 a bit about your background—that helps in giving more personalized advice. Since you're 16, living in Denmark, fluent in Danish, and have just finished primary school, you're likely at the point where you choose between different upper secondary education paths. In Denmark, there are several main options after primary school (folkeskole), and the best path depends on your interests, strengths, and future goals. Here's an overview:

1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are academic programs that prepare you for university.

- **STX (Alment Gymnasium)** – Broadest option; strong in humanities, sciences, and languages.
- **HHX (Højere Handelseksamen)** – Focuses on business, economics, and international trade.
- **HTX (Højere Teknisk Eksamen)** – Technical and science-focused; good for tech or engineering interests.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseksamen)** – Shorter (2 years), more practical and flexible; often for those who want a quicker path to further education.

✓ **Choose this path if** you enjoy academic subjects and think you might want to go to university.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – EUD)

These combine school and paid apprenticeships in a trade or profession.

- Examples: Electrician, mechanic, hairdresser, chef, healthcare worker, IT support, carpenter.
- Often a mix of school (EUD) and company training (praktik).

✓ **Choose this path if** you prefer hands-on work and want to start earning earlier. Many vocational programs also allow you to continue to higher education later (like via **EUX** – see below).

3. EUX (Combination of Vocational + Academic)

- Mixes vocational training with general subjects at a gymnasium level.
- Harder workload, but opens both doors: work or university.

✓ **Choose EUX if** you want the option to work in a trade **and** possibly go to university later.

🤔 So...What Should *You* Choose?

Think about these questions:

- **Do you enjoy theoretical learning (e.g., math, history, science)?** → Consider STX, HTX, HHX.
- **Are you more into practical, hands-on tasks?** → EUD or EUX could suit you well.
- **Do you know if you want to go to university?** → STX, HTX, HHX, or EUX.
- **Do you want to start working and earning sooner?** → EUD or EUX.

🇿🇲 Being of **Zambian** Descent

This gives you a rich cultural background. If you're bilingual or have a strong connection to both cultures, you might also consider paths that use those strengths:

- HHX for international business.
- STX with a focus on languages or social studies.
- Global programs or international exchanges.

💡 Final Tips

1. **Visit educational fairs (uddannelsesmesser)** – Talk to students and teachers.
2. **Use the online platform: ug.dk** – Denmark's official education guide.
3. **Talk to a school counselor (studievejleder)** – They can help match your interests.
4. **Consider a “brobygning” (bridging course)** – Try out different programs for a week or two before you decide.

If you tell me more about:

- What subjects you like
- What you see yourself doing in 5–10 years
- Whether you want to study or work faster

...I can give you even more specific advice!