

Uddannelsesvalg efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Italy. 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 point in life to start thinking intentionally about your future! Since you're 16, have finished primary school in Denmark (probably *folkeskole*), and are fluent in Danish, you now have several good options depending on your interests, strengths, and long-term goals.

In Denmark, your main post-primary educational paths are:

♦ 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education – academic focus)

These are best if you think you might want to go to university later.

Main types:

- **STX** (*Almen studentereksamen*): General academic subjects like languages, history, math, sciences. Most broad.
- **HHX** (*Højere handelseksamen*): Focus on business, economics, and languages.
- **HTX** (*Højere teknisk eksamen*): Focus on technical/science subjects like physics, chemistry, and technology.
- **HF** (*Højere forberedelseksamen*): Shorter 2-year program, more practice-oriented. Often used by adults or people who didn't finish traditional *gymnasie*.

💡 Choose this if:

- You like academic learning (reading, writing, studying).
- You're considering university (e.g. law, engineering, medicine, humanities).
- You want to keep options open.

♦ 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (EUD) – Vocational education

This is a combination of school and paid apprenticeships in a company. You can qualify as a mechanic, carpenter, electrician, hairdresser, chef, etc.

💡 Choose this if:

- You prefer hands-on work.
- You want to start working sooner.

- You're interested in a skilled trade or craft.

Bonus: You can later build on this with *EUX*, which mixes vocational and academic subjects so you can still go to university later.

♦ 3. International or bilingual programs

Since your background is Italian and you speak Danish fluently, you might look into:

- **International Baccalaureate (IB)** if you're interested in studying abroad later or want a globally recognized program.
 - Schools offering Italian or international studies if you want to connect more with your cultural roots.
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What should you ask yourself?

- Do I enjoy academic subjects and want to continue studying?
 - Do I prefer practical, hands-on tasks?
 - Am I considering going to university?
 - Do I want to enter the workforce quickly?
 - Do I want to study or work abroad later?
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Example paths:

- **Interested in tech or science?** → HTX
 - **Love business or entrepreneurship?** → HHX or EUD business specializations
 - **Good at languages or literature?** → STX or IB
 - **Want to become a skilled worker (e.g. chef, mechanic)?** → EUD
 - **Undecided but want flexibility?** → STX or EUX
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If you want, you can tell me more about:

- Your favorite subjects
- What you enjoy doing in your free time
- Whether you want to go to university or start working
- Whether you're more practical or theoretical

And I can help you choose more specifically!