

# Uddannelsesvalg efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Laos. 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 big moment — congratulations on finishing primary school! In Denmark, you have several good options after primary school (**folkeskole**), and your next step should match your interests, learning style, and long-term goals. Here's a breakdown of your main paths and what might work best for you:

## 🎓 1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

If you like academic subjects and might want to go to university later, this is probably your best path.

### Main options:

- **STX (Studentereksamen)** – Broad, academic, strong in languages, humanities, and sciences. Good all-round option.
- **HHX (Højere Handelseksamen)** – Focus on business, economics, marketing. Great if you're interested in working in business or entrepreneurship.
- **HTX (Højere Teknisk Eksamen)** – Focus on science, technology, and innovation. Great if you're into engineering, tech, or natural sciences.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseseksamen)** – Shorter (2 years), more flexible. Good if you want something shorter before applying to further education.

➡ **Recommended if:** You're academically strong or enjoy subjects like math, science, languages, or business — and might want to go to university one day.

## 🔧 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training, EUD)

If you prefer practical work and want to enter the workforce earlier, this is a solid choice.

### Includes:

- Electrician
- Carpenter
- Chef
- Hairdresser
- IT-supporter

- Health care assistant, etc.

You combine **school with apprenticeships** at real companies.

➔ **Recommended if:** You want hands-on learning, enjoy working practically, and like the idea of earning money and working earlier.

## Other considerations

- **10th grade (10. klasse):** Some students choose to take an extra year to get ready before gymnasium or vocational education. It can be especially useful if you're unsure or want to improve in certain subjects.
- **Efterskole:** A popular choice in Denmark where you live at school for a year. It can help with personal growth and confidence — great for social and cultural experiences too.

## So what should you do?

Here's how to choose:

Interest/Goal	Suggested Path
Want to go to university	STX, HHX, or HTX
Interested in business or sales	HHX
Like tech, science, or design	HTX
Not sure, want flexibility	HF or 10th grade + decide later
Want to work hands-on soon	Vocational education (EUD)

## Personal advice

You've got a great foundation — you're bilingual and part of two cultures, which can be a big strength in both school and future jobs. If you're unsure what to choose, consider:

- Talking to a **guidance counselor (studievejleder)** at your school.
- Visiting local schools (many offer open houses).
- Trying **"Brobygning" (bridging programs)** — where you can test a gymnasium or vocational program for a few days.

If you tell me more about your interests (subjects you like, future job dreams, how you prefer to learn), I can give a more specific recommendation.