

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Türkiye. 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 your background—it's great that you're already thinking ahead. In Denmark, after finishing primary school (folkeskole), you have several solid options depending on your interests, strengths, and future goals. Here's a breakdown of the main educational paths you could consider:

1. Vocational Education and Training (EUD – Erhvervsuddannelse)

Best for: If you prefer practical, hands-on learning and want to enter the workforce quickly.

- **Duration:** 2–5½ years (includes both school and apprenticeship).
- **Examples of careers:** Electrician, carpenter, hairdresser, social and health care assistant, mechanic.
- **Why choose this:** Good job opportunities, paid apprenticeships, and the option to later build on it with more education (e.g. erhvervsakademi or professionsbachelor).

2. Gymnasium (General Upper Secondary Education)

If you're aiming for university or want to keep your options open, this is the usual path. There are three main types:

STX (Almen studentereksamen)

- Broad academic focus (languages, sciences, humanities).
- Good for university preparation.

HHX (Højere handelseksamen)

- Focus on business, economics, and international trade.
- Great if you're interested in commerce or entrepreneurship.

HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen)

- Focus on science, technology, IT, and innovation.
- Good for engineering or technical careers.

HF (Højere forberedelseksamen)

- Shorter (2 years), more practical.
- Suitable if you're unsure or didn't get high enough grades for other gymnasiums.
- Also good if you're more mature or want a quicker path to further education.

3. EUX – A Combination of Vocational and Academic

Best of both worlds: You get both a vocational education *and* a studentereksamen (like STX).

- Takes longer (4–5 years).
- Great if you want job skills *and* keep university options open.

Extra considerations for you:

- **Language skills:** Being fluent in Danish is already a big asset. If you also speak Turkish and English, you could consider careers involving languages, international business, or diplomacy.
- **Cultural background:** You might find it inspiring to support multicultural understanding—maybe through teaching, healthcare, or social work.
- **Parental input:** Consider talking to your parents about their expectations, but also remember: *this is your future*.

How to decide?

Ask yourself:

- Do I enjoy studying theoretical subjects?
- Do I learn better by doing and being active?
- Am I interested in a specific job or field already?
- Do I want to go to university?

My recommendation:

If you're unsure but want to keep doors open and might consider university later, **STX** or **EUX** would be a good choice.

If you're more interested in working soon, or want a skilled profession (like electrician, chef, etc.), **EUD** or **EUX** is a strong path—and Denmark highly values skilled workers.

If you want, I can help you compare two or three paths more closely or even help you find a specific school in your area. Would you like that?