

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Switzerland. 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 — being 16, fluent in Danish, and with a multicultural background gives you a solid foundation for a wide range of options in Denmark's education system. Here's a breakdown of your most common paths after primary school, along with recommendations based on your goals and interests:

Main Education Paths After Primary School in Denmark

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

This path prepares you for university.

Main Types:

- **STX (Studentereksamen)** – General academic program.
- **HHX (Højere Handelseksamen)** – Focus on business, economics, and languages.
- **HTX (Højere Teknisk Eksamen)** – Focus on science, technology, and innovation.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseksamen)** – Shorter (2 years), good if you're not 100% sure what you want.

Best for you if:

You're interested in university later, enjoy academic work, and want to keep your options open.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – EUD)

Combines school with apprenticeships. You learn a trade (e.g. electrician, chef, carpenter, or office assistant).

Best for you if:

You prefer hands-on work, want to enter the job market sooner, or like the idea of earning money while studying.

3. Kombinationsuddannelser (EUX)

A mix of vocational training and academic studies. You become qualified for both a trade **and** university.

Best for you if:

You like both academic and practical work and want to keep many options open.



How to Choose – Questions to Ask Yourself

- **Do I enjoy schoolwork, exams, and academic theory?**
If yes → STX, HHX, HTX, or HF
- **Do I prefer hands-on learning, working in teams, or earning money while I learn?**
If yes → EUD or EUX
- **Do I want to go to university later on?**
If yes → STX/HTX/HHX or EUX (HF is also an option for shorter studies)
- **Am I interested in business, science, arts, or something technical?**
→ Choose your gymnasial path based on subjects that interest you.



Your Swiss Roots

If you ever consider studying or working in Switzerland or another EU country:

- Academic diplomas (STX, HHX, HTX, HF, EUX) are often easier to transfer abroad.
- Languages (especially German or French) could be a great elective choice, as they're useful in Switzerland.



My Recommendation

If you're not sure yet but want to keep as many doors open as possible:

→ **STX or EUX might be your best choice.**

- **STX** if you're academically inclined and interested in possibly going to university.
- **EUX** if you want to combine real-world skills with a pathway to university later.

Would you like help narrowing it down based on your **interests** or **career ideas**? I can also show you how different schools in your area specialize in these paths.