

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Kiribati. 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 — that helps a lot in giving meaningful advice. Since you've just finished primary school in Denmark and you're thinking about your next step, here's a breakdown of your options and some recommendations, depending on your interests and goals.

🎓 Typical Paths After Primary School in Denmark (Folkeskole)

At 16, you've likely just completed 9th or 10th grade. From here, Danish students generally choose between:

1. Gymnasium (General Upper Secondary Education)

- **Examples:** STX (general), HHX (business), HTX (technical)
- **Length:** 3 years
- **Focus:** Prepares you for university
- **Good for:** If you're interested in further academic study (e.g., at a university or university college)

Recommendation if:

- You enjoy subjects like languages, science, history, or social studies
- You think you might want to go to university later

2. Erhvervsuddannelse (Vocational Education and Training / EUD)

- **Length:** 2-5 years, depending on the trade
- **Focus:** Practical training + school (you get paid during apprenticeships)
- **Good for:** Becoming a skilled worker (e.g., carpenter, electrician, hairdresser, chef, etc.)

Recommendation if:

- You enjoy hands-on work or want to start earning and working sooner
- You're not sure about going to university

3. Kombinerede forløb (EUX) – Vocational + Academic

- Combines vocational training with general upper secondary education
- Gives you both a trade and the option to continue to higher education

Recommendation if:

- You want to keep your options open — both work and university later
- You're ambitious and can handle a heavier workload

What to Think About

Ask yourself:

- Do I enjoy school and academic subjects?
- Am I more of a hands-on or theoretical learner?
- Do I want to go to university or start working sooner?
- What kind of jobs or careers seem interesting to me?

Suggested Path (If You're Unsure)

If you're still exploring and not fully sure:

- **STX (general gymnasium)** or **EUX** might be good starting points. They keep your options open.
- You'll get time to figure out your interests while building a strong foundation.

Bonus Tip

It's okay to switch paths later — the Danish system is flexible. Many students switch between EUD, gymnasium, or take a **10th grade** if they want more time to decide.

Would you like help exploring career ideas based on your interests? Or an overview of what each gymnasium type (STX, HHX, HTX) includes?