

Uddannelsesvalg efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Ethiopia. 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?

Thank you for sharing a bit about yourself — that helps a lot. You're in an exciting phase right now, where the choices you make can open up many doors. Since you're 16, just finished primary school (which I assume means *folkeskole*), let's look at your most common options in Denmark and tailor it to your background:

The typical educational paths after folkeskole:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

These prepare you for higher education. They usually last 3 years.

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen):** Broad academic focus (sciences, social sciences, humanities). Good if you're unsure but want options for university.
- **HHX (Handelsgymnasium):** Focus on business, economics, and international trade.
- **HTX (Teknisk gymnasium):** Focus on technology, science, and innovation.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseseksamen):** Shorter (2 years), a bit more practical, often used by those who prefer a bit less theoretical education.

2. Erhvervsuddannelse (Vocational Education and Training - VET)

If you're more interested in learning a trade, hands-on work, or getting into the job market sooner, this is very respected in Denmark. It combines school and apprenticeship.

Some personal considerations based on what you shared:

- Since you're fluent in Danish and have the advantage of being bilingual (perhaps you also speak Amharic or another Ethiopian language), that's a great asset both in Denmark and internationally.
- If you're interested in **university later on**, then STX, HHX, or HTX are your strongest paths.
- If you're interested in **practical work or entrepreneurship earlier**, then VET might be a strong option.
- Denmark highly values international competencies, and your background could be a strength if you're interested in fields like **international business, diplomacy, development work, medicine, technology, or social work**.

A few suggestions:

If you're interested in...	Consider...
Science, medicine, research	STX or HTX
Business, finance, economics	HHX
Engineering, IT, technology	HTX
Social work, psychology, humanities	STX or HF
Skilled trades (electrician, carpenter, chef, etc.)	VET (EUD)

My recommendation:

If you're not yet sure what you want long-term (which is completely normal at 16), **STX** is often the safest and most flexible choice. It gives you time to explore many subjects while keeping all doors open for university, college, or other paths.

👉 If you tell me a bit more — like:

- What subjects you enjoy most?
- What you're good at?
- If you like practical or theoretical work more?
- Any career ideas or dreams?

— I can give you a much more tailored recommendation. Shall we?