

# Uddannelsesvejledning i Danmark



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from South Africa. 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 that! It's great that you're thinking ahead about your next steps—especially now that you've finished primary school. Since you're in Denmark and just completed **folkeskole (primary/lower secondary school)**, you're probably deciding between the different **youth education programs (ungdomsuddannelser)**. Here's a quick overview tailored to you, and then some guidance based on different interests and goals.

## Main Educational Paths After Folkeskole in Denmark

### 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

- **STX (Studentereksamen):** Focus on general academic subjects like humanities, sciences, and languages.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination):** Focus on business, economics, and languages.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination):** Focus on natural sciences, technology, and innovation.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination):** A 2-year more flexible academic program—common for those who want to get to university but in a shorter time.

### 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - EUD)

- Combine school and paid apprenticeship.
- You train for a specific trade or job (like electrician, carpenter, healthcare worker, IT technician).
- Leads quickly into the workforce but also allows further study later (e.g., via **EUX**, which combines vocational training with academic courses for university access).

## Which Path Fits You Best?

Here are a few questions to guide the choice:

### 1. Do you enjoy academic subjects like science, languages, or social studies?

- → Go for **STX** or **HTX** if you like school and might want to go to university later.
- **STX** is broader; **HTX** is more focused on tech and innovation.

### 2. Are you interested in business, marketing, or entrepreneurship?

- → **HHX** would be a strong fit.

### 3. Do you want to start working sooner or prefer hands-on learning?

- → Choose a **vocational education (EUD)** path.
- Great if you want to learn a trade and earn money early. You can also take **EUX** if you want to keep the door open to higher education.

### 4. Not sure yet, but want to keep your options open?

- → STX is often the most flexible and opens most doors later.
- Or HF if you're a bit more mature and want a shorter program.

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### **Bonus: Your Background as a Strength**

Being the child of South African parents and fluent in Danish gives you a unique cultural perspective. You might consider:

- **Global Studies or languages (STX)** if you're interested in international work.
- **Business/Marketing (HHX)** if you might want to work internationally or with diverse communities.
- Using your bilingual or bicultural skills in healthcare, education, or diplomacy.

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### **Final Thoughts**

Since you're 16, you're likely entering **10th grade (10. klasse)** or moving straight to one of these programs. If you're still unsure:

- **Consider doing 10th grade** (often used to explore options or get stronger in some subjects).
- Talk to a **UU-vejleder (youth guidance counselor)**—they can help you plan based on your specific strengths and interests.

Would you like help figuring out which path matches your personality or interests more closely? I can guide you through a quick reflection or quiz-like process if you want.