

ChatGPT



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Mozambique. 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 you're already thinking ahead about your education. Since you're in Denmark, just finished primary school, and are 16 years old, you're likely at the point where you're choosing between different upper secondary education options. Here's a breakdown of the most relevant paths you might consider, depending on your interests, strengths, and future goals:

Main Upper Secondary Options in Denmark

1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These programs last 3 years and prepare you for university.

✓ Best if:

You want to continue to university, enjoy academic subjects, or aren't yet sure what you want to do long term.

Options:

- **STX (Studentereksamen)** – Broad academic focus (languages, science, humanities).
- **HHX (Højere Handelseksamen)** – Focus on business, economics, and international trade.
- **HTX (Højere Teknisk Eksamen)** – Technical and science subjects, ideal if you're into technology, IT, engineering.
- **IB (International Baccalaureate)** – Taught in English, international environment, good if you're thinking globally or moving abroad in the future.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - EUD)

These combine school with practical training at a workplace. Often 3–4 years.

✓ Best if:

You want to learn a trade, earn money while you learn, and start working sooner (or maybe start your own business one day).

Fields include:

- Mechanics
- Electrician or plumber
- Healthcare (like SOSU)
- Hospitality
- IT support
- Hairdressing, etc.

Combination Option: EUX

This combines vocational training (EUD) with academic studies that qualify you for university.

Best if:

You want a job-oriented education but still want the option to go to university later.

Other Considerations for You

Since your parents are from Mozambique, you might also:

- Benefit from multicultural or international programs (e.g., IB)
- Want to look at subjects like global studies, languages, or development
- Consider long-term ambitions: do you see yourself staying in Denmark, working internationally, or possibly moving?

My Recommendation Based on Your Situation

You're fluent in Danish and grew up in Denmark, so you have access to all Danish education options. Here's a few questions to ask yourself:

- **Do you enjoy academic subjects and want to go to university?** → STX or IB
- **Are you into business, trade, or entrepreneurship?** → HHX or EUX Business
- **Do you like technology, science, or engineering?** → HTX or EUX Tech
- **Do you want to work soon, learn by doing, and maybe get paid during school?** → EUD or EUX
- **Want to keep your options open?** → EUX or STX

Final Advice

It's okay not to be 100% sure right now. You can also visit "uddannelsesguiden.dk" (**UG.dk**) to explore your options in detail or talk to a guidance counselor (**UU-vejleder**) — every kommune offers one.

If you'd like, I can help you match your personal interests and strengths to specific school programs — just tell me a bit more about what subjects you like or what kind of future job you imagine.