

# Uddannelsesmuligheder i Danmark



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

That's great that you've finished primary school—congrats! At 16 in Denmark, you're likely at the stage of choosing between different *youth education* programs. Since you're fluent in Danish and have a multicultural background, you have a lot of options open to you. The right path depends on your interests, skills, and long-term goals, but here's a clear breakdown of the main options and some tailored advice:

## Main Education Paths After Primary School in Denmark

### 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary School – Academic Focus)

These are for you if you're thinking about going to university or want a broader academic foundation.

- **STX (Studentereksamen):** General upper secondary education with a wide range of subjects. Good if you're not sure yet what you want to study later.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination Programme):** Focus on business, economics, and international trade. A good fit if you're interested in commerce or entrepreneurship.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination Programme):** Emphasizes science and technology. Ideal if you're into engineering, IT, or biotech.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination Programme):** Shorter (2 years), more practical, and often used as a route to specific higher education programs or if you want a break before deciding further.

### 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (VET – Vocational Education and Training)

If you prefer hands-on work and want to get into a trade or profession quickly.

- Includes programs for becoming, for example, a mechanic, carpenter, healthcare assistant, chef, or IT supporter.
- You start with school-based training and then go into an apprenticeship.



## Choosing the Right Path – Based on Your Profile

Here are some guiding questions to help narrow your options:

Question	Tip Based on Answer
Do you enjoy academic learning (reading, writing, studying)?	Consider <b>STX</b> or <b>HF</b> .
Are you more practical or like working with your hands?	Look into <b>Erhvervsuddannelser</b> .
Are you interested in business or finance?	<b>HHX</b> might be a great match.
Do you like science, engineering, or computers?	<b>HTX</b> would fit well.
Do you want to start working soon?	<b>VET</b> programs can get you into a job within a few years.
Are you still unsure?	STX or HF give you time and flexibility.

## Your Background as a Strength

- Being bilingual and having Guatemalan roots could be a **huge advantage** in jobs involving language, culture, or international relations.
- If you're interested in things like **global business, international relations, translation, tourism, or diplomacy**, that background can really set you apart.

## My Suggestion (Based on Your Situation)

If you're unsure and want to keep doors open, **STX** is a strong, general academic path that keeps options flexible.

If you're more career-focused and want real work experience quickly, **VET** is very respected and can lead to good jobs—and even higher education later if you change your mind.

Would you like help figuring out what your interests and strengths are? I can help you reflect on that too, if you want.