

Uddannelsesvalg efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Suriname. 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! Since you're 16 and just finished primary school in Denmark, you're likely at the stage where you're choosing between different **youth education** paths (ungdomsuddannelser). The Danish education system gives you several solid options depending on your interests, goals, and how you like to learn.

Here are the main routes you can consider:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General upper secondary education)

These are academic programs that prepare you for university.

- **STX (Studentereksamen)**: Broad academic focus – good if you enjoy subjects like languages, science, or humanities.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination)**: Focus on business, economics, and marketing – great if you're interested in working in business or starting your own company.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination)**: Focus on technology, science, and innovation – ideal if you like math, physics, or engineering.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)**: A 2-year program, more flexible, often chosen by those who want a quicker path to higher education.

✓ **Recommended if:** You enjoy studying and want to keep your options open for university later on.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational education and training – EUD)

You learn a trade or profession and can start working soon after.

- Fields include carpentry, hairdressing, IT support, mechanics, healthcare, etc.
- You combine school and apprenticeships (praktik) in a company.

✓ **Recommended if:** You want to learn by doing and get a job more quickly – or even start your own business later.

What to think about when deciding:

- **What are you curious about?** Subjects you enjoy now can guide your future path.

- **Do you want to go to university someday?** Then a gymnasial education is usually required.
 - **Would you rather start working earlier?** Then vocational training might suit you better.
 - **Do you want a mix?** Some vocational educations can still lead to higher education later (via *EUX*, which combines EUD + gymnasial level subjects).
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Suggestions based on your background:

- Being bilingual and multicultural is a strength! You might thrive in international business, social work, or education.
 - If you're interested in your Surinamese heritage, you could explore global studies, languages, or cultural work later on.
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If you're unsure, it can help to:

- **Visit open house events** (åbent hus) at schools.
 - **Talk to a study counselor** (studievejleder).
 - **Try an intro course** (brobygning) – short trial programs that give a taste of different paths.
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Would you like a quick quiz or decision guide to help narrow it down based on your interests and personality?