

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Trinidad and Tobago. 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 a great point in life to start thinking about your future options! In Denmark, after finishing *folkeskole* (primary and lower secondary school), you generally have a few main educational paths to choose from, depending on your interests, strengths, and future goals.


Here are your main options, with some guidance based on different types of aspirations:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

If you're academically inclined or considering university later, this is usually the path to take.

Types:

- **STX** (Studentereksamen): Broad and academic – good if you're not sure what you want yet.
- **HHX** (Higher Commercial Exam): Focus on business, economics, marketing.
- **HTX** (Higher Technical Exam): Focus on science, technology, and innovation.
- **HF** (Higher Prep Exam): Shorter (2 years), for students who want a more practical approach and access to higher education.

 **Recommended if:** You want to keep your options open for university or professional careers later in life.


2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – VET)

These combine school and apprenticeship and lead to skilled trades and professions.

Fields include:

- Health and social care
- Technology and IT
- Mechanics, carpentry, and electrical work
- Retail, catering, etc.

You earn a qualification while getting paid during apprenticeships.

 **Recommended if:** You prefer hands-on work, want to enter the job market faster, or have a clear interest in a trade or practical field.

💡 3. Combination Programmes (EUX)

This combines VET with general upper secondary subjects – so you get both a vocational qualification *and* a university entrance qualification.

👉 **Recommended if:** You like the idea of a trade but want the option to go to university later.

✈️ 4. Other Options

- **Efterskole:** A unique Danish opportunity for 9th/10th graders to spend a year at a boarding school with focus areas like music, sports, or international studies.
- **International High School:** If you're curious about broader cultural exposure and already bilingual, this could be enriching.
- **Exchange Year Abroad:** Could be a great opportunity before continuing school in Denmark.

Some Questions to Reflect On

- Do you enjoy theoretical subjects or more practical ones?
- Are there fields you're curious or passionate about (tech, art, business, healthcare, etc.)?
- Do you want to go to university later or start working sooner?
- Would you enjoy combining hands-on work with study?

Example Pathways Based on Interests

Interest	Suggested Path
Medicine, law, science	STX or HF
Engineering, IT, tech	HTX or EUX technical
Business, marketing	HHX or EUX business
Working with people, social work	HF or vocational healthcare track
Trades (electrician, mechanic, chef)	Vocational education (EUD)
Unsure / want to explore	STX or a year at an efterskole

If you want, I can help you create a shortlist of specific programs or schools near you once I know your city or interests better. Would you like that?