

# Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Togo. 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—you're in a great place to start shaping your future, and being fluent in Danish with a multicultural background gives you a strong foundation.

In Denmark, after completing primary school (folkeskolen), you have several options. The best path depends on your interests, goals, and how you prefer to learn. Here's an overview with recommendations:

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

These are great if you're aiming for university later:

- **STX (Studentereksamen)** – Broad, academic program with focus on humanities, sciences, or social sciences.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination Programme)** – Focuses on business, economics, marketing – great if you're interested in commerce or entrepreneurship.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination Programme)** – Focuses on technology, science, and innovation – good for engineering, IT, health tech.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)** – Shorter (2 years), more flexible, often for students who want to go into specific professional bachelor programs.

💡 **Recommended if:** You like academic subjects, enjoy studying, and want to keep your university options open.

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

These combine school with hands-on training in a company (praktik), and lead directly to a profession:

- Trades: electrician, carpenter, plumber, etc.
- Services: hairdresser, chef, social and health care.
- Business: office, retail, finance.
- IT and technology-focused programs.

💡 **Recommended if:** You like practical work, want a faster route to the job market, or are interested in skilled professions.

You can also do an **EUX**, which combines a vocational education with academic courses, so you keep the option to go to university later.

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### 3. International or alternative programs

You might also consider:

- **International Baccalaureate (IB)** – English-language academic program, accepted worldwide. Great if you're interested in studying abroad later.
- **Efterskole** (for a year) – A unique Danish experience that builds personal skills, friendships, and helps you figure out what you want next.

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### Other Considerations:

- **Your Interests:** Are you into science, arts, business, IT, working with people, or building things?
- **University goals:** Do you want to study at a university later, or do you prefer to start working sooner?
- **Financial and social support:** Consider what kind of school environment will help you thrive.

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### My Personalized Recommendation (based on your situation):

If you're still unsure but want to keep your doors open:

-  **Go for STX, HHX, or EUX** – especially if you're curious about university, business, or want a solid academic foundation with career flexibility.

If you already have a strong interest in something like IT, mechanics, or caregiving, consider:

-  **Start with a vocational education (EUD or EUX)** – especially if you prefer practical, hands-on learning.

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Would you like help figuring out what you're most interested in, or what kind of job you might want one day? I can guide you through some questions to help you decide.