

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Somalia. 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 sounds like you're at a really important turning point. In Denmark, after finishing **folkeskole (primary school)**, you have several solid options. The best path depends on your **interests, strengths, and goals** – whether you're more academic, practical, creative, or want to start working soon. Here's a clear overview of your main choices:

♦ 1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

These are 2-3-year programs that prepare you for university.

► STX (Studentereksamen)

- Focus: Academic and broad (sciences, humanities, languages)
- Good for: Keeping your options open for university
- Best if: You like school subjects and might want to go to university later

► HHX (Handelshøjskoleeksamen)

- Focus: Business, economics, marketing
- Good for: Careers in business or further business studies
- Best if: You're interested in entrepreneurship, finance, or economics

► HTX (Teknisk Eksamen)

- Focus: Science, technology, and innovation
- Good for: Technical university, engineering, IT
- Best if: You like math, technology, and science

► HF (Højere Forberedelseksamen)

- Focus: Shorter, more practical academic path (2 years)
- Good for: Adults or those who want quicker access to some higher education
- Best if: You want to study further, but prefer a shorter and more flexible option

♦ 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - EUD)

A practical path that combines school and apprenticeship in a company.

- Focus: Trades and professions (e.g. electrician, carpenter, hairdresser, chef, health care worker)
- Duration: Usually 3-5 years
- Best if: You want to start working soon and learn by doing

You can even **combine EUD and gymnasial education** through **EUX**, which lets you both qualify for work and prepare for university.

♦ 3. 10th Grade (10. klasse)

An optional extra year after 9th grade. You can use this time to:

- Mature personally and academically
- Improve grades or language skills
- Explore your interests
- Try a **efterskole** (a unique Danish school focusing on community and personal development)

Some Personal Advice

Since you're bilingual and have a multicultural background, you may have unique strengths in:

- Communication
- Cultural understanding
- Languages
- Adapting and solving problems

Ask yourself:

- Do I enjoy theoretical school subjects or more hands-on work?
- Do I want to go to university later or start working sooner?
- What am I naturally good at?

My Suggestion (Based on What You Shared)

If you're unsure but open to learning more, and you did well in school:

Start with STX or HHX – they keep many doors open and give you time to explore your interests. You can always change later.

If you're more hands-on or want a faster way into a job:

Explore a vocational path (EUD or EUX) in something you enjoy – maybe something in health, IT, or business.

If you want, I can help you make a short list of programs near where you live or help you explore what fits your personality best. Want to do that?