

Uddannelsesvalg efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Romania. 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 your life to be thinking about your next steps, and you already have a solid foundation with your Danish fluency and your multicultural background — both of which can be valuable assets in today's world.

In Denmark, after finishing primary school (folkeskolen), you typically have a few main educational paths to choose from. Here's a breakdown of your options, along with some guidance on how to choose:

♦ 1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are the academic high school paths that prepare you for university.

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen)** – Broad academic program with humanities, sciences, and social sciences. Good if you're still exploring your interests.
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen)** – Focus on business, economics, and marketing. Great if you're interested in business or entrepreneurship.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen)** – Focus on technology, science, and engineering. Ideal if you like STEM subjects.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseksamen)** – A shorter (2-year) academic program, more practical and flexible. Suitable if you want to continue to higher education but in a more focused way.

Recommended if:

You're academically inclined and might want to go to university later.

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

These are practical programs that combine school and apprenticeship, leading to skilled jobs (e.g. electrician, carpenter, hairdresser, mechanic, chef, social- and healthcare helper).

Recommended if:

You enjoy hands-on work and want to enter the job market quickly with a profession.

♦ 3. EUX – A Combination of Academic and Vocational Education

This path lets you learn a skilled trade while also earning a diploma that qualifies you for university. It's more demanding but gives you broad opportunities.

Recommended if:

You want a trade but also want to keep the option of higher education open.

♦ 4. 10th Grade (10. klasse)

This optional year is for those who want more time to mature, explore their interests, or improve their grades before starting upper secondary education.

Recommended if:

You feel unsure or want to improve academically before committing to a longer program.

How to Choose? Ask Yourself:

- **Do I enjoy studying academic subjects or working practically?**
 - **Do I want to go to university, or would I prefer to work sooner?**
 - **Am I interested in business, technology, arts, science, or helping people?**
 - **Do I feel ready for the next step, or would I benefit from 10th grade?**
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Bonus Tip:

Since you speak Romanian and Danish fluently, you might also consider international opportunities later (e.g., EU programs, language-related careers, or working in international business or diplomacy).

Final Thoughts:

If you're not sure yet, that's completely normal. A lot of 16-year-olds aren't! Consider visiting education fairs (uddannelsesmesser), talking to your school's guidance counselor (studievejleder), and maybe even shadowing someone in a job you're curious about.

If you tell me a bit more about your interests (subjects you enjoy, things you like doing, any dreams for the future), I can give you a more personalized recommendation.