

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from the Islamic Republic of Iran. 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?

Thank you for sharing a bit about yourself — that helps me give you a much more thoughtful answer.

Since you're 16, have finished primary school in Denmark, and are now considering your next step, your situation is pretty common for Danish students at this stage. In Denmark, after *folkeskole* (primary school), most students choose between a few main educational paths depending on their interests, talents, and future career goals. Let me lay out your main options, and then I'll give you some advice:

1 Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

If you're academically inclined and think you might want to go to university later:

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen):** The most common upper secondary school. Broad subjects — humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences.
- **HTX (Teknisk studentereksamen):** Focus on technical and scientific subjects (good if you're interested in technology, engineering, natural sciences).
- **HHX (Handelsstudentereksamen):** Focus on business, economics, and marketing.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseksamen):** Shorter 2-year version, a bit more practical and flexible, often for those who prefer a slightly different academic pace.

2 Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - EUD)

If you're more practically oriented or want to start working sooner:

- You combine school with internships or apprenticeships.
- Fields include carpentry, electrician, IT-support, healthcare, gastronomy, mechanics, and many others.
- Many vocational programs now have good career prospects and decent salaries — especially in areas where Denmark needs skilled workers.

3 Kombinationsforløb (Kombineret ungdomsuddannelse)

There are also hybrid programs if you're not 100% sure whether you want an academic or vocational path. For example:

- EUX (combines vocational training with a general upper secondary education).

4 Other options

- International Baccalaureate (IB) — taught in English, can be an advantage if you consider studying or working internationally.
- Boarding schools (*efterskole* or *kostgymnasium*) — gives you life experience and personal growth.

My Recommendation (based on your brief info)

Since you're fluent in Danish, born in Denmark, and just finished *folkeskole*, you have all doors open.

Here are a few personal factors you might consider:

- If you enjoy studying, reading, and would like to leave open the possibility of university: **STX or HTX.**
- If you're curious about business, finance, or marketing: **HHX.**
- If you want a faster way into work, and like hands-on learning: **EUD or EUX.**
- If you want strong English skills and international options: **IB.**

Since your parents are originally from Iran, you may also think about how your cultural background could be an advantage — for example:

- Languages (Persian, English, Danish = great skillset)
- International perspectives
- Potential future work in fields like diplomacy, international business, or cross-cultural work

👉 **If you tell me a bit more about your interests (science, business, technology, humanities, art, etc.), I can give you a more tailored suggestion.**

Would you like me to help you narrow it down?

For example:

- What subjects do you enjoy?
- Do you want to go to university later?
- Do you prefer practical or theoretical work?