

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter Folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Maldives. 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 great that you've finished primary school—congratulations! 🎓 Since you're in Denmark and fluent in Danish, you have access to a well-structured and flexible education system. The best path depends on your interests, goals, and how you prefer to learn. Here's a breakdown of the main options you can consider after **Folkeskole** (primary/lower secondary school):

🎓 1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

These are the typical choices if you want to go to university later.

🧠 STX (Studentereksamen)

- Focus: Broad academic subjects—sciences, humanities, social sciences.
- Good if: You're still exploring your interests or want to keep many future options open.

👩‍💻 HTX (Higher Technical Examination)

- Focus: Science, technology, IT, and innovation.
- Good if: You enjoy subjects like math, chemistry, or computer science.

👛 HHX (Higher Commercial Examination)

- Focus: Business, economics, marketing, international trade.
- Good if: You're interested in business or dream of starting a company.

🎭 HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)

- Focus: Shorter (2 years), more focused on practical/real-world learning.
- Good if: You want a faster route to university or a specific profession.

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

This is a great hands-on path that leads directly to a job but can also open the way to higher education.

- Focus: Learn a trade (e.g. electrician, carpenter, chef, health care worker).
- Combine school and apprenticeship.
- You earn money during your training (praktik).
- Good if: You like practical work and want to start earning sooner.

You can also combine vocational and academic education via **EUX**, which allows you to get both a vocational qualification and a general upper secondary diploma—perfect if you want flexibility.

How to Decide?

Here are some questions to help guide you:

1. What subjects do you enjoy the most?

- Science and tech? HTX or EUD technical trades.
- Business and economics? HHX.
- Humanities or languages? STX.
- Health care or social work? HF or EUD (e.g., SOSU).

2. Do you prefer academic or hands-on learning?

- Academic: STX, HTX, HHX, HF.
- Hands-on: EUD or EUX.

3. Do you want to go to university someday?

- Yes: Choose a gymnasial education (STX/HTX/HHX/HF).
- Maybe: Consider EUX.
- No or unsure: EUD can be a great way to try a field and keep options open.

Still Unsure? Try a 10th Grade or “EUD10”

If you need more time to decide, many students in Denmark choose to take a **10. klasse** (often at an **efterskole**, FGU, or technical school). This year can help you explore interests and gain maturity before committing.

Bonus: Your Background as a Strength

Being bilingual and multicultural (Danish-Maldivian) is a huge asset. You could one day work in:

- **International business**
- **Translation or interpretation**
- **Diplomacy or EU/international institutions**
- **Global tech or sustainability work**

If you tell me more about your interests (e.g. favorite school subjects, hobbies, career dreams), I can give even more specific advice.