

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from South Sudan. 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's great that you're thinking seriously about your future. In Denmark, after finishing **Folkeskole (primary and lower secondary school)**, you have several solid educational paths to choose from depending on your **interests, strengths, and career goals**.

Here's an overview of your main options, with some tailored advice:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

If you're interested in **university** or academic studies in the future:

► STX (Alment gymnasium)

- Focus: General education (languages, science, humanities).
- Good if you're not sure yet what you want, but want to keep all doors open.

► HTX (Teknisk gymnasium)

- Focus: Technology, science, and innovation.
- Great if you like subjects like biology, physics, chemistry, or IT.

► HHX (Handelsgymnasium)

- Focus: Business, economics, and international studies.
- Good if you're interested in starting your own business, marketing, or working in finance.

► HF (Højere forberedelseseksamen)

- A shorter 2-year program, more practical.
- Often for students who want to go on to certain university programs or professional education.


● **Best if:** You want to go to university one day, or keep your options open. Since you're fluent in Danish, all of these are accessible to you.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – EUD)

If you want to **learn a trade or profession** and maybe start working sooner:

- Examples: Electrician, mechanic, hairdresser, carpenter, social and health care worker.
- Many programs combine **school with practical internships (praktik)**.

You can also do a **EUX** – a combination of vocational training and academic subjects, so you can still go to university later.

 **Best if:** You like learning by doing and want to enter the workforce earlier — or if you're interested in hands-on professions.

A few personal questions to help you choose:

- What subjects do you enjoy most in school?
- Do you prefer **theory and books** or **hands-on/practical work**?
- Do you have **a dream job** (even if it feels far away)?
- Do you feel motivated by **starting your own business**, helping others, working with technology, being creative, etc.?

Example Pathways Based on Interests

Interest Area	Recommended Path
Science/Tech	HTX or STX with science track
Business/Economics	HHX
Helping People	HF → Social Education / Vocational (SOSU)
Hands-on Professions	EUD or EUX
Unsure/Want Flexibility	STX

As someone with a multicultural background...

You may also have unique strengths — like cultural insight, adaptability, or multilingualism — that can be an advantage in areas like **international business, healthcare, education, or diplomacy**.

Would you like me to help you explore career options based on your favorite subjects or goals?