

# Uddannelsesmuligheder i Danmark



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from North Korea. I just finished primary school (*folkeskole*) 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 a bit about yourself—that helps a lot.

Since you're 16, just finished primary school (*folkeskole*) in Denmark, and are fluent in Danish, you're at a common but important crossroads in the Danish education system. Here are your main options, along with some guidance depending on your interests, goals, and background:

## 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

These are academic and can lead to university later on.

### A. STX (Studentereksamen)

- Broad general education with focus on humanities, science, and social science.
- Good if you're unsure what you want long-term or want to keep doors open.

### B. HTX (Teknisk studentereksamen)


- Focus on technology, science, and innovation.
- Great if you like STEM (science, tech, engineering, math).

### C. HHX (Handelsskole)

- Focus on business, economics, and international trade.
- Great for people interested in entrepreneurship, commerce, or working in international settings.

### D. HF (Højere Forberedelseseksamen)

- A shorter, 2-year program (often for older students or those who didn't take a regular 10th grade).
- More practical and mature environment.

 **Recommended if:** You enjoy academic subjects, want to go to university, or want to keep a broad range of future options open.

## 2. Erhvervsuddannelse (Vocational Education – EUD)

You learn a trade (like electrician, chef, mechanic, social worker) through both school and apprenticeships.

- You start with **grundforløb** (basic course) then move to a practical placement.
- Leads to work directly or further education via **EUX** (which combines vocational training with a more academic level, allowing university later).

✅ **Recommended if:** You prefer hands-on learning, want to start working earlier, or are drawn to specific professions like carpentry, childcare, health, or IT support.

## Special Considerations for You

- Being bilingual and from a North Korean family gives you **unique cultural knowledge and perspectives**—this could be an asset in fields like international relations, translation, cultural studies, diplomacy, or even social work with minority communities.
- If you like languages or cultural work, consider combining **STX** with language-heavy courses or pursuing **interpreter training** later.
- If your family background gives you motivation to support others or bridge cultural gaps, careers in **education, healthcare, or community work** might be meaningful.

## What to Ask Yourself

- Do I enjoy reading, writing, and theory—or prefer doing and making things?
- Do I want to go to university in the future?
- Do I already have a passion or interest area (e.g., business, science, helping people)?
- Do I want to start earning money and being independent sooner?

## Suggested Next Step

You might consider visiting your local **UU-vejledning** (Ungdommens Uddannelsesvejledning) center, where career counselors help young people like you find the right path.

## If You're Still Unsure

A safe and flexible choice is **STX or HHX**, especially if you're not yet sure what career to pursue. You'll get a solid foundation, and you can always specialize later.

Would you like help narrowing down a choice based on your personal interests or strengths? Feel free to tell me what subjects or activities you enjoy most.