

# Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Guyana. 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! In Denmark, the next step after primary school (folkeskole) is typically one of several upper secondary education options, depending on your interests, strengths, and future goals.

Here's a clear breakdown of your main options:

## 1. General Upper Secondary Education (Gymnasiale uddannelser)

These prepare you for university or higher education. Ideal if you enjoy academic subjects.

**Options include:**

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen):** Broadest academically, with focus areas like science, social science, or languages.
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen):** Focuses on business, economics, and languages.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen):** Focus on science, technology, and innovation.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseseksamen):** Shorter (2 years), more practical, often used if you're unsure or want a different route to higher education.

 **Recommended if:** You like school subjects and might want to go to university later.

## 2. Vocational Education and Training (EUD – Erhvervsuddannelse)

This is for you if you want to learn a trade and start working sooner.

You combine school with apprenticeships in a company. Fields include:

- Carpentry, plumbing, electrician
- Hairdressing, baking, cooking
- Healthcare, childcare, social services

You can still go to higher education later through *EUX*, which combines vocational training with academic subjects.

 **Recommended if:** You like hands-on work and want job skills quickly.

## 3. Other paths or gap options

- **10th grade (10. klasse):** An optional extra year if you want more time to decide.
  - **Efterskole:** A unique Danish option—a boarding school where you can focus on personal growth, sports, arts, etc.
  - **International programs:** If you're interested in studying in English or abroad.
- **Recommended if:** You want to grow personally or explore your identity/interests before committing.
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### ✓ **My Recommendations (based on your background and age):**

- If you enjoy academics and are curious about many things: **STX or HHX**.
  - If you're interested in business or want a good mix of practical and academic: **HHX or EUX**.
  - If you're unsure or need a little more time to decide: **10th grade or an efterskole** (especially if you want to connect more with peers or explore your Guyanese roots in a creative way).
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### **Want help choosing?**

Let me know:

- What subjects or activities you enjoy
- Whether you want to go to university or start working soon
- What kind of work sounds exciting to you

That way, I can suggest a more personal path for you.