

# Uddannelsesmuligheder i Danmark



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Senegal. 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 a great question, and it's really good that you're thinking carefully about your future at this stage. Since you're 16, born and raised in Denmark, fluent in Danish, and just finished primary school (which in Denmark typically ends with **9th or 10th grade**), here are some paths you can consider, depending on your interests, strengths, and career goals.

## 1. Gymnasium (STX, HHX, HTX) – General Upper Secondary Education

If you're interested in continuing to university in the future, this is a good next step. There are three main types:

- **STX (Alment Gymnasium)** – Focuses on humanities, sciences, and social sciences. Great for a broad academic base.
- **HHX (Handelsskolen)** – Focus on business, economics, marketing. Ideal if you're interested in business or entrepreneurship.
- **HTX (Teknisk Gymnasium)** – Emphasizes technology, natural sciences, and IT. Great if you like science, computers, or engineering.

These are **3-year programs** and prepare you for higher education (university, etc.).

## 2. EUD/Erhvervsuddannelse – Vocational Education and Training

If you want to **start working sooner** or prefer a more hands-on approach, this could be a better fit.

You can train to become:

- Electrician, carpenter, plumber
- Hairdresser, chef, baker
- Social and health care assistant (SOSU)
- And many other trades.

These programs often combine **school with apprenticeships**, so you get real work experience.

## 3. EUX – Vocational + Academic Hybrid

This is a **mix between EUD and gymnasium**, so you get a vocational education *and* a high enough academic level to go to university later.

It's more demanding but very useful if you want both practical skills and the option to go to university.

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## 4. International Options

Since your background is Senegalese and you're fluent in Danish, you might also consider:

- Taking **IB (International Baccalaureate)** – if you want a more international education in English.
  - Looking into **exchange programs** or youth study-abroad opportunities (EF, Rotary, AFS, etc.).
  - Using your language and cultural skills later in jobs like **international business, diplomacy, or translation**.
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## How to Choose?

Here are some questions to ask yourself:

- Do I want to go to university later? → Gymnasium or EUX.
  - Do I enjoy hands-on learning or working? → EUD or EUX.
  - Am I interested in business, science, tech, or something else?
  - Do I like working with people? Maybe health or social care?
  - Would I prefer to start working earlier or study longer?
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## My Recommendation (based on what you've said)

Since you've just finished primary school and are fluent in Danish, I'd suggest:

- **Explore Gymnasium if you like school and want more options later.**
  - **Explore EUX if you want to work with your hands and also keep the door open to university.**
  - **EUD if you already know you want a specific job or trade.**
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If you tell me more about what you're interested in—like what subjects you like, or what kind of job you dream of—I can give even more specific advice.