

Uddannelsesvalg efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Malaysia. 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 completed primary school and are thinking carefully about your next steps—this is an important moment! Since you're in Denmark and have finished **Folkeskole** (primary and lower secondary education), you typically have a few main educational paths to choose from. Here's an overview to help you think it through:

🎒 Main Educational Paths After Primary School (Folkeskole):

1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education – Academic Track)

These are best if you want to go to **university later**.

- **STX (Studentereksamen):** General academic track – broad subjects (science, languages, social studies).
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination):** Focus on business, economics, and marketing.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination):** Focus on science, technology, and engineering.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination):** Shorter (2 years), more flexible, often used for adult education or if you didn't do 10th grade.

➡ *Recommended if:* You enjoy school subjects, want to keep your options open, or aim for a university degree in the future.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - EUD)

A mix of **school + paid apprenticeships**, focusing on getting into a **trade or specific job**.

- Examples: Electrician, carpenter, IT supporter, chef, hairdresser, etc.
- Takes 3–5 years depending on the field.
- After completing, you can either work or continue into **Erhvervsakademi** or other higher education.

➡ *Recommended if:* You like practical work, hands-on tasks, and want to earn money while learning a profession.

3. Kombinerede Uddannelser / EUX

A mix of vocational training **plus academic subjects**, so you can both **get a trade qualification and be eligible for university**.

→ *Recommended if:* You want a “best of both worlds” – hands-on work + future study options.

4. 10th Grade (10. klasse)

Optional, but sometimes a good idea if:

- You want more time to think.
- You want to improve your grades or mature a bit more before choosing your path.
- You’d benefit from extra help or preparation.

→ *Recommended if:* You’re unsure or want a smoother transition.

How to Choose? Ask Yourself:

- Do I want to **study more** or start **working sooner**?
 - Do I enjoy **books and theory**, or more **practical tasks**?
 - Do I already have a career idea (doctor, mechanic, programmer, etc.)?
 - Do I want to go to **university** later?
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Example Scenarios:

You enjoy school and might want to go to university:

→ Go for **STX**, **HTX**, or **HHX** depending on your interests.

You’re more hands-on and want to learn a trade or earn money soon:

→ Choose **EUD** (vocational training) or **EUX** if you also want the academic option.

You’re unsure or want to take it slow:

→ Consider **10th grade** to explore options, improve grades, or grow personally.

If you tell me a bit more about your interests—like favorite subjects, hobbies, or dream jobs—I can give you a more personal recommendation.