

# Uddannelsesvalg efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from The United Arab Emirates. 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 a bit about yourself — that helps a lot in giving a good recommendation. Since you've just finished primary school in Denmark (which typically ends around 9th or 10th grade), you're likely choosing between the main educational paths available after **Folkeskole**. Here's a breakdown of your options and some guidance based on your background:

## Your Main Options in Denmark After Primary School

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

If you're aiming for university later, one of these is the typical path:

#### STX (Studentereksamen)

- **General academic upper secondary school**
- Good if you're not yet sure what you want to study later
- Strong in humanities, social sciences, natural sciences

#### HTX (Higher Technical Examination Programme)

- More technical and science-focused
- Great if you're interested in engineering, IT, science, or design

#### HHX (Higher Commercial Examination Programme)

- Focuses on business, economics, international trade
- Ideal if you're interested in entrepreneurship or commerce

#### HF (Higher Preparatory Examination Programme)

- Shorter (2 years), more focused on general education
- Good for people who want a more flexible or second-chance route to higher education

### 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - EUD)

- For hands-on careers (e.g., electrician, mechanic, hairdresser, chef, etc.)
- You alternate between school and apprenticeship (praktik)
- Can be combined with EUX (both vocational and academic), which still allows you to go to university

## Which Path Might Fit You?

Here are some questions to guide your decision:

### Do you want to go to university later?

- Yes: STX, HTX, HHX, or HF (with good grades)
- No or unsure: EUD or EUX might be better — they can still lead to higher education if you want later

### Are you more into academic subjects or hands-on work?

- **Academic:** STX (broad), HTX (technical), HHX (business)
- **Practical:** EUD or EUX

### Do you have any interests yet?

For example:

- Love computers or engineering? → **HTX**
- Want to start a business or love finance? → **HHX**
- Like many different subjects and unsure? → **STX**
- Prefer short, career-oriented path? → **EUD**

## Multicultural Background — Does It Matter?

Yes, in a good way. Being fluent in Danish and also having cultural knowledge from the UAE is a real asset. You could eventually:

- Work in international business (great fit with **HHX**)
- Become a cultural bridge in diplomacy, international law, or global NGOs (great with **STX** + university)
- Go into tech with a global mindset (great with **HTX**)

## My Recommendation (Based on What You Shared)

If you're not sure yet but want to keep your options open, I'd recommend:

→ **STX or HTX**

- STX gives you the broadest education
- HTX gives you a strong, future-proof education with STEM focus (especially good if you're curious about science or tech)

If you're interested in business or international work, **HHX** could be a solid alternative too.

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If you'd like, I can help you narrow it down further based on what subjects you enjoy most or what kind of future you'd imagine for yourself. Would you like to explore that together?