

# Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Vanuatu. 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 your background—you're at a really exciting point in your life, and Denmark offers some excellent options for continuing your education. Here's a breakdown of common educational paths you can consider after completing **primary school (folkeskole)** in Denmark, along with suggestions tailored to your situation.

## 🎓 Your Options After 9th or 10th Grade

### 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education / High School)

If you're aiming for university later on, this is a strong option.

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen):** Broad and academic, with focus on humanities, sciences, and social sciences.
- **HTX (Teknisk studentereksamen):** Focus on technology, science, and innovation. Great if you like tech, engineering, or science.
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen):** Business and economics-focused. Good for future business studies or entrepreneurship.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseksamen):** Shorter (2 years) and more flexible. Good if you prefer a practical or more mature environment.

**Recommended if:** You're interested in going to university, enjoy academic subjects, or want to keep your options open.

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

More hands-on and practical. You learn a trade (e.g., electrician, carpenter, hairdresser, chef, etc.) and often get paid during your apprenticeship.

- Starts with **grundforløb (basic course)** and continues with **hovedforløb (main course)** and apprenticeship.
- You can also choose a **EUX**, which combines vocational training with an upper secondary qualification (gives access to university too).

**Recommended if:** You want to start working sooner, like hands-on learning, and have an idea of a specific trade you enjoy.

### 3. 10. Klasse (Optional 10th Grade)

You can choose to take an extra year to get more ready before moving on. Many students use this year to grow socially, academically, or to explore boarding schools like **efterskole**.

**Recommended if:** You feel unsure about what to choose next and want more time and experience.

### Cultural Background Consideration

Since your parents are from Vanuatu, you bring a unique multicultural perspective that could be a strength in areas like:

- **Global studies, intercultural communication, or language studies**
- **Social sciences**, where understanding different cultural backgrounds is a plus
- **International business or tourism**

If you're passionate about your heritage, you could consider incorporating it into future studies, for example, writing about identity, migration, or global culture.

### What Should You Do Next?

#### 1. Reflect on your interests:

- Do you like school subjects, or prefer working with your hands?
- Are you curious about the world, technology, business, or people?

#### 2. Talk to a guidance counselor (Studievejleder):

- They can help you explore local options and give personalized advice.

#### 3. Consider visiting schools:

- Many schools offer open house days where you can learn about different programs.

### My Suggestion for You (based on what you've shared)

Since you're fluent in Danish, born and raised in Denmark, and just finished primary school, I'd recommend:

- ➔ **Apply for STX or HTX** if you're academically motivated and interested in further studies later.
- ➔ **Consider EUX** if you want both hands-on skills and academic flexibility.
- ➔ **Take 10th grade or attend an efterskole** if you're unsure and want to develop more personally and socially before making a decision.

Let me know your interests (e.g., science, art, helping people, business, etc.), and I can give you more specific suggestions!