

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Tonga. 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 that — you're at a really exciting point in your life! Since you've just finished primary school in Denmark and you're fluent in Danish, you have several great options ahead of you. Your next step will depend on your interests, goals, and whether you're more into hands-on work, academics, or a mix of both.

Here's a breakdown of your main educational options in Denmark after primary school:

♦ 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

If you're aiming for university or higher education later, this is the typical path.

Options:

- **STX (Almen Studentereksamen):** Broad academic program, good if you're interested in subjects like languages, social sciences, or natural sciences.
- **HHX (Højere Handelseksamen):** Focus on business, economics, and international trade.
- **HTX (Højere Teknisk Eksamen):** Technical and science-oriented – great if you like math, physics, tech, or IT.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseksamen):** A shorter 2-year academic program, good for adults or those wanting a more practical path to higher education.

🔥 **Recommendation:** Choose this path if you enjoy school and want to keep the door open to university, college, or professions like teaching, law, engineering, etc.

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

If you prefer **hands-on work** and want to learn a trade, this is a strong and respected path in Denmark.

Examples of programs:

- Electrician, carpenter, chef, hairdresser, social worker, mechanic, IT support, and many more.
- You can also take the **EUX** program — it combines vocational training with academic courses, so you get a diploma that also qualifies for university.

🔥 **Recommendation:** This is great if you want to **work sooner**, earn while you learn (in apprenticeship), and possibly start your own business one day.

♦ 3. 10. klasse (10th Grade)

Optional, but it can be a good year to mature, explore options, or improve your academic skills.

🔴 **Recommendation:** Take this if you're unsure about what to do next, want to improve your grades, or need more time to decide.

How to Choose?

Ask yourself:

- Do I want to go to university someday? → Consider **STX, HHX, HTX, or HF**
 - Do I want to start working with my hands or learn a profession? → **EUD or EUX**
 - Am I unsure and want more time to decide? → **10. klasse**
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Final Advice:

- Talk to your school's guidance counselor (**UU-vejleder**) — they can help you choose a path that fits your strengths and interests.
- You can also visit **ungdomsuddannelse.dk** to explore specific programs near you.
- Don't stress — in Denmark, switching paths is possible. It's okay to explore and change your mind.

If you'd like, I can help you create a short list of programs based on your interests — just let me know what subjects or careers you find exciting!