

ChatGPT



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Mexico. 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 good that you're thinking ahead about your future.

Since you're in Denmark and have just finished **primary school (folkeskolen)** at around age 16, your next step would typically be to choose one of the **upper secondary education** paths. In Denmark, there are a few main options, depending on your interests and goals:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are academic programs that prepare you for university or higher education.

Options include:

- **STX (Studentereksamen)** – General academic upper secondary school. Broad subjects (science, humanities, social science). Good if you're not sure yet what you want.
- **HHX (Højere Handelseksamen)** – Focus on business, economics, international trade. Great if you like business or economics.
- **HTX (Højere Teknisk Eksamen)** – Focus on technical/science subjects (math, IT, technology). Good for engineering or science paths.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseseksamen)** – A shorter, 2-year program. More practical and mature-oriented. Suitable if you want something shorter and more flexible.

✅ **Choose this if:** You think you might want to go to university later, or want to keep your options open.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – EUD)

This is a more hands-on path that prepares you for a specific job or trade (like carpenter, electrician, hairdresser, chef, healthcare worker, etc.).

You start with a basic course and then move on to apprenticeships with a company.

✅ **Choose this if:** You want to work in a skilled trade or start working sooner with a practical education.

3. Kombineret ungdomsuddannelse (KUU) or EUX

- **EUX** is a mix of vocational training and general education – so you get both a vocational diploma and a study-qualifying exam. Great if you want practical skills *and* the option to go to university later.
- **KUU** is more for young people who may need extra support getting into education or work.

✓ **Choose this if:** You like working hands-on but also want to keep your academic options open.

Some Questions to Help You Decide:

- Do you enjoy school subjects like math, science, or literature?
 - Are you more of a “hands-on” person who enjoys practical work?
 - Do you see yourself going to university?
 - Do you like business, technology, arts, social issues?
 - Do you already have a dream job?
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Bonus Tip – Your Mexican Roots

Since your parents are from Mexico and you’re bilingual or bicultural, you might consider international opportunities in the future. Studying Spanish more formally, doing exchange programs, or eventually working in international fields (business, diplomacy, tourism, or NGOs) could be a huge advantage.

My General Suggestion:

If you're open to university or unsure about your long-term plans, **STX** or **HHX** are solid, flexible options. If you're sure you want to get into a skilled trade or job sooner, then **EUD** or **EUX** could be a great fit. Would you like help comparing specific schools or programs near where you live in Denmark? I can help with that too.