

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Paraguay. 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 a big moment for you! In Denmark, after finishing primary school (folkeskolen), you typically choose between a few main educational paths depending on your interests, strengths, and future goals. Since you're 16, this is the perfect time to explore your options.

🎓 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

These are academic programs that prepare you for university. Great if you're interested in continuing your studies later.

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen)** – Broad academic focus (languages, science, social studies).
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen)** – Focus on business, economics, and marketing.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen)** – Focus on technology and natural sciences.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseksamen)** – Shorter (2-year), more flexible program, often for those who want quicker access to certain higher education or aren't sure yet.

Recommended if: You're interested in going to university later, and you enjoy academic subjects.

🔧 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - VET)

These combine classroom teaching with hands-on work and apprenticeships. You finish with a trade qualification.

- You can train to become a carpenter, electrician, hairdresser, healthcare worker, IT supporter, etc.
- It's very practical and gives you a clear path to employment.

Recommended if: You like working with your hands, learning by doing, and want to enter the workforce sooner.

🕒 3. Kombinerede eller særlige forløb (e.g., EUX)

- **EUX** combines vocational training with academic subjects, so you get both a trade and the option to go to university.
- A bit more demanding, but very versatile.

Recommended if: You want the best of both worlds—practical skills *and* the option to study later.

How to Choose

Ask yourself:

- Do I enjoy theoretical subjects and school work?
- Do I prefer doing things hands-on?
- Am I aiming for a university degree, or would I like to start working sooner?
- What subjects excite me the most?

Also, talk to a **UU-vejleder** (youth guidance counselor)—they can help you explore your strengths and interests.

Bonus: Your Background

Your Paraguayan roots might also give you a multicultural perspective and possibly language skills (Spanish or Guaraní). These can be great assets in:

- International business (HHX)
- Language-focused STX programs
- Social work or healthcare (VET + HF or EUX)
- Diplomatic or intercultural careers

Would you like help choosing between these based on your interests, or should I help you find a specific program or school near where you live?