

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Luxembourg. 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 — and congrats on finishing primary school! You're at an exciting turning point, and Denmark has a flexible and well-structured education system that gives you several good options depending on your interests, strengths, and career goals.

Here's a breakdown of the **main educational paths after primary/lower secondary school (Folkeskole)** in Denmark:

1. General Upper Secondary Education (Gymnasiale uddannelser)

These programs prepare you for university and other higher education.

STX (Studentereksamen)

- Focus: Broad general education (sciences, humanities, social studies, languages)
- Good if you're still exploring your interests or want to keep your options open.
- Duration: 3 years

HTX (Higher Technical Examination)

- Focus: Technology, science, innovation
- Ideal if you're interested in engineering, IT, or science-based fields.
- Duration: 3 years

HHX (Higher Commercial Examination)

- Focus: Business, economics, marketing
- Great if you're interested in entrepreneurship or economics.
- Duration: 3 years

HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)

- More compact than STX, HTX, or HHX (2 years)
- Suitable if you want a shorter path to university or specific professions.

- Often used by slightly older students, but still an option at 16.

2. Vocational Education and Training (EUD / Erhvervsuddannelse)

- Focus: Hands-on training and internships (praktik) in real workplaces.
- You learn a trade like electrician, carpenter, chef, hairdresser, healthcare worker, mechanic, etc.
- Duration: 2–5 years depending on the field
- You can still go to university later via the **EUX** option (which combines vocational training with general education).

EUX = a mix of vocational and academic — best of both worlds if you're practical but want the option for higher education.

What should you consider?

Ask yourself:

- Do you like academic subjects like science, literature, or history? → STX or HTX
- Are you into business, marketing, or economics? → HHX
- Do you like building, fixing, cooking, or working with your hands? → EUD or EUX
- Do you want to keep your options open while gaining work skills? → EUX or STX

Since you're bilingual and bicultural

With Danish and Luxembourgish/French/German heritage, **language and international studies** could be a real strength. You might:

- Choose STX with a language line (like English, French, or German)
- Later aim for international studies, diplomacy, translation, or EU-related work

Final thoughts

At 16, there's no “wrong” choice — Danish education lets you switch paths or build on earlier ones. If you're unsure, you could:

- Visit open house events ("brobygning" or "introduktionskurser")
- Talk to a study counselor at **UU vejledningen** (Youth Guidance Center)
- Ask to try a “bridge course” (Brobygning) to test programs for a few days

Would you like help narrowing things down based on your **interests**, **grades**, or **future job ideas**?