

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Jamaica. 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 — it's great you're thinking seriously about your future at this stage. In Denmark, after completing **Folkeskole (primary and lower secondary school)** around age 15–16, you have several solid educational options. The best path depends on your **interests, strengths, and long-term goals**, but here's a breakdown to help you decide:

🎓 Main Education Options After Folkeskole

1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

If you're interested in **university studies later**, this is the most common path.

- **STX (Studentereksamen)** – Broad and academic, strong in humanities, social sciences, and sciences.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination)** – Focus on business, economics, and international trade.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination)** – Focus on science, technology, and IT.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)** – 2-year academic program (shorter and a bit more flexible).

✅ Good for you if:

You like academic subjects and might want to attend university or professional colleges.

2. EUD (Erhvervsuddannelse – Vocational Education and Training)

This leads to a **skilled trade** or technical job (like carpenter, mechanic, chef, social care assistant, etc.).

✅ Good for you if:

You prefer learning by doing and want to **enter the workforce sooner**, or perhaps start your own business one day.

Some EUD programs also offer EUX – a **combination of vocational training and academic upper secondary education**, so you keep your university options open.

3. IB (International Baccalaureate)

An international program (in English), available in some Danish schools. Good if you're considering studying or working **abroad** later.

✓ **Good for you if:**

You enjoy studying in English and want **international opportunities** in the future.



Questions to Ask Yourself

- Do I enjoy theoretical learning or practical hands-on work?
 - Do I want to go to university, or start working/training sooner?
 - What subjects do I like most (e.g., science, business, arts, technology)?
 - Am I interested in international experiences?
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Cultural Note

Having Jamaican heritage might be a strength if you're interested in international business, multicultural work, or even areas like **music, food, media, or social work**. If that's important to you, keep it in mind when choosing.



Recommendation (based on your current stage)

Since you've just finished primary school and you're fluent in Danish, here are two safe starting points:

➤ **If you like school and want to keep your options open:**

STX or HHX (depending on your favorite subjects) is a great start. They open many doors, including university later.

➤ **If you prefer hands-on work or want to learn a trade:**

EUD or EUX could be perfect. You can become a skilled professional and maybe even build your own business someday.

If you'd like, I can help you **compare two specific paths** or give advice based on your interests. Would you like to tell me what subjects you enjoy most or what careers sound exciting to you?