

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Portugal. 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 your background — you're at a key turning point, and it's great that you're thinking ahead. Since you've finished **primary school** in Denmark (which usually ends at 9th or 10th grade), you're likely now choosing between different **youth education options**. Here's a breakdown of your main choices and some thoughts to help you decide:

🎓 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

If you're interested in **academics** and possibly going to **university** later, this is likely the best path.

- **STX (Studentereksamen)**: Broad general education. Good if you're interested in subjects like languages, history, science, or social studies.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination)**: Focus on business, economics, marketing. Great if you're leaning toward business or entrepreneurship.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination)**: Emphasizes science, technology, and innovation. Ideal if you're into engineering, IT, or science.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)**: Shorter (2 years), more flexible. Often chosen by people who want a quicker route to specific professions or higher education.

✅ Recommended if:

- You enjoy schoolwork and theory.
- You're considering going to **university** or higher education in the future.
- You're unsure about your career but want to keep your options open.

🔧 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – EUD)

If you prefer **practical learning** and want to start working sooner, this might be a better fit.

- You can train to become anything from an electrician, carpenter, chef, hairdresser, to IT-supporter.
- Often includes **apprenticeships** (praktikplads), where you earn money and gain experience.

✅ Recommended if:

- You like hands-on work and want to learn a specific trade.
- You want to **enter the job market sooner** (usually 3–5 years of training).

- You're more motivated by doing than studying in classrooms.
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Bonus Tip: Consider your Portuguese roots

Being bilingual and bicultural is a huge asset. If you're interested, you could:

- Take advantage of **language courses** (Portuguese or Spanish) in gymnasium.
 - Consider exchange programs or international studies in the future.
 - Use your heritage in careers like **international business, diplomacy, or tourism**.
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How to Choose?

Ask yourself:

- Do I enjoy theoretical learning or more practical tasks?
- Do I have a clear career goal already?
- Do I want to go to university, or do I prefer working earlier?

You can also talk to a **studievejleder (guidance counselor)** at your school or local **UU vejledning (Ungdommens Uddannelsesvejledning)**. They help 15–17-year-olds like you find the right path.

Not ready to decide?

Some schools offer **"10. klasse"** or **efterskole** with a focus on personal development, international experience, or creative subjects — a great way to grow before committing to a longer path.

Would you like help narrowing down the choice based on your **interests** or **career goals**? Feel free to tell me more about what you like (subjects, hobbies, future dreams), and I can give more tailored advice.