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I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Canada. 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 a bit about yourself — it sounds like you're at an exciting crossroads. Since you've just finished primary school in Denmark and you're fluent in Danish, you have several strong options ahead. Your choice should reflect both your personal interests and longer-term goals, so here's a breakdown of your main educational paths in Denmark after primary school (grundskole), followed by tailored advice:

Your Main Options in Denmark

After primary school, you typically choose between:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

These are academic programs that prepare you for higher education.

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen):** General academic focus (broadest path)
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen):** Focus on business and economics
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen):** Focus on science and technology
- **HF (Højere forberedelseksamen):** Shorter, more practical route for higher education (2 years)

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - EUD)

Practical, hands-on programs that lead to skilled professions (e.g., electrician, chef, healthcare assistant). You can later apply to certain higher education programs through EUX or other paths.

3. EUX (Hybrid Program)

Combines vocational training with general upper secondary education — good if you want both job skills and the option for university later.

Considering Your Background

You have an interesting international profile (born in Denmark with Canadian parents), which could offer you future advantages:

- **Language skills:** You might already speak English fluently — that's a big plus.

- **Global flexibility:** You could study or work abroad more easily in the future, especially in Canada.
- **Dual citizenship:** If you hold Canadian citizenship, you could benefit from international exchange or university options later.

Recommendations Based on Scenarios

Here's advice tailored to your potential interests and future goals:

✓ If you're interested in university and keeping your options open:

Go for **STX** — it's the most flexible, widely accepted route and allows you to choose from a wide variety of subjects (e.g., sciences, languages, humanities).
Good if you're still exploring what you want to do.

✓ If you're interested in business or economics:

Choose **HHX** — it's practical but still prepares you for higher education, especially in business and international economics.

✓ If you enjoy science, tech, or engineering:

Choose **HTX** — very focused on STEM subjects, and still qualifies you for university afterward.

✓ If you're more hands-on or want to work sooner:

Explore **EUD** or **EUX** — these are excellent if you want to learn a trade or skill, start working earlier, or pursue applied professions. **EUX** keeps the door open to future university studies too.

Final Advice

At 16, it's okay not to have your life figured out yet. A few tips:

- **Visit open house events** (*åbent hus*) at schools to see what feels right.
- **Talk to a study counselor** (*uddannelsesvejleder*) — every kommune in Denmark offers this.
- **Think ahead:** Where do you see yourself in 5-10 years? Denmark or Canada? University or workforce?
- **Stay open to change:** You can switch paths later if your interests change.

If you'd like, I can help you compare specific schools or programs in your area, or even plan a possible future in Canada based on your dual background. Just let me know!