

ChatGPT



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Mexico. 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 point in life to start thinking seriously about your future—so you're already ahead by asking this now. Since you're 16, just finished primary school, and fluent in Danish, your next step in Denmark's education system typically depends on your interests, goals, and how you did in school.

Overview of Your Options

After finishing **Folkeskole**, the most common options are:

1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are aimed at preparing you for university. They last **3 years** and are more academic.

- **STX (Studentereksamen)**: Broad and general – includes humanities, science, and social sciences.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination)**: Focus on business, economics, and marketing.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination)**: Focus on science, technology, and innovation.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)**: A 2-year program, more flexible, often used by students who didn't go straight to STX/HHX/HTX.

Best for: If you think you might want to go to university later on.

2. Erhvervsuddannelse (Vocational Education and Training, VET/EUD)

These are for students who want to **get into the workforce faster** or like learning by doing. Usually 3–5 years and combine school with apprenticeships.

Examples:

- Electrician
- Hairdresser
- Chef
- Carpenter
- Social and Health Care Worker (SOSU)

Best for: If you want practical work skills and like hands-on learning.

3. Kombineret Forløb (EUX)

Combines vocational training **and** upper secondary education. You get both a **vocational qualification** and a **studentereksamen**.

Best for: If you want to keep both doors open: go into a trade or study at university later.

What to Think About When Choosing

- What subjects do you enjoy?
 - Do you learn better through reading/theory or doing/practice?
 - Do you see yourself going to university? Or working sooner?
 - What are your strengths—academic, technical, social?
 - Would you like to explore your Mexican heritage more in your future studies or career? (e.g. language, culture, international relations)
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My Recommendation for You

Without knowing your grades or specific interests, here are two balanced paths:

Option A: STX or HHX

- Good for general academic growth.
- Gives you flexibility to decide later (university, business, etc.).
- Especially HHX if you're interested in business or international work (with your background, maybe international business or diplomacy?).

Option B: EUX

- Best of both worlds: get a trade and keep university as an option.
 - Strong if you're unsure but like having a skill to fall back on.
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Tips:

- Attend open house events (**åbent hus**) at local gymnasier and vocational schools.
 - Talk to a **UU-vejleder (Youth Guidance Counselor)**—they're experts at helping young people find their path.
 - Consider summer school or a short internship to explore fields you're curious about.
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Would you like to tell me a bit more about your interests (e.g. favorite subjects, career dreams), so I can help you narrow this down further?