

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Samoa. 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 big and exciting step—well done on finishing primary school! Since you're in Denmark, you're probably looking at your options in the Danish education system for after **folkeskolen** (primary and lower secondary school). Here's a breakdown of your main paths and some personalized advice based on your background:

🎓 Your Main Education Options After 9th or 10th Grade:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (*Upper Secondary School Programs*)

These are great if you're interested in going to university later.

- **STX** (*Almen studentereksamen*) – Broad academic focus (humanities, sciences, social sciences).
- **HHX** (*Higher Commercial Exam*) – Business, economics, marketing.
- **HTX** (*Higher Technical Exam*) – Technology, science, innovation.
- **HF** (*Higher Preparatory Exam*) – Shorter (2 years), good if you want flexibility or didn't do 10th grade.

Good if:

You enjoy schoolwork, want a university degree, or you're still exploring interests.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (EUD) (*Vocational Education and Training*)

These prepare you for a skilled trade or job—plus, you get paid during internships!

- You can become an electrician, carpenter, hairdresser, chef, social worker, etc.
- Some programs allow you to transition to higher education later (via **EUX**).

Good if:

You like hands-on work, want to earn money sooner, and enjoy practical learning.

3. 10. klasse (*Optional extra year after 9th grade*)

If you're unsure or want to improve your grades, 10th grade is a good bridge year. Some do it at a **efterskole**, which can also be a great life experience.

Recommendations Based on You:

You're fluent in Danish, born and raised in Denmark, and have a Samoan family background—this gives you a valuable multicultural perspective.

Here are a few questions to guide your choice:

Ask Yourself:

- Do I enjoy academic subjects (reading, writing, science, math)?
- Do I like working with my hands or creating things?
- Do I want to go to university someday, or start working sooner?
- What do I enjoy doing in my free time?

Example Pathways:

If you're curious, like school, and want to keep your options open:

→ **Choose STX or HTX.**

You'll learn a lot and can later study anything from law to engineering.

If you're business-minded:

→ **Choose HHX.**

Great for a future in international trade, marketing, or starting your own company.

If you like hands-on work and want to earn money sooner:

→ **Choose EUD or EUX.**

Great path to skilled jobs and still lets you study more later if you want.

If you're not sure yet:

→ **Do 10th grade** (maybe at an **efterskole** to gain confidence and experience). It's common in Denmark to take time to decide.

Tip:

Talk to a **UU-vejleder** (youth guidance counselor) at your school or kommune—they can help you map your strengths and interests.

Final Thought:

There's no "right" path—just the one that fits you best **right now**. And you can always change direction later. Denmark's education system makes it possible to switch tracks or continue learning as an adult.

Would you like help exploring what kind of career might suit your interests or personality? I can guide you through a mini quiz or give you some career ideas.