

# Uddannelsesvalg efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Kenya. 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 question — and an exciting point in your life to explore different paths! Since you've finished **primary school** (which in Denmark means **folkeskole**, typically ending after 9th or 10th grade), your next step depends on your **interests, strengths, and future goals**.

Here's a breakdown of your main options in the Danish education system after primary school, followed by some personalized advice:

## 🎓 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education – Academic)

These are for students who want to go to university later.

### Main options:

- **STX (Studentereksamen)** – general academic focus (literature, languages, sciences, etc.)
- **HTX (Teknisk studentereksamen)** – science and technology focus
- **HHX (Handel studentereksamen)** – business and economics focus
- **HF (Højere forberedelseseksamen)** – shorter (2 years), often for more mature students or those who want flexibility

### Good for you if:

You enjoy studying subjects like science, languages, economics, or humanities, and you think you might want a university degree later.

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

This combines school and hands-on training in a company. You get a **real profession** (like electrician, hairdresser, mechanic, healthcare assistant, IT support, etc.)

### Good for you if:

You want to get into the job market sooner, like working with your hands, or want a practical path to a career. Many vocational programs can also lead to further education later (like **EUX** – a mix of vocational training and academic studies).

## 🏠 3. EUX – Vocational + Academic Hybrid

This is a **dual path** where you get both a vocational diploma **and** a study-qualifying exam (like gymnasiet). It's more demanding but very flexible.

### Good for you if:

You're practical, but also want the option to go to university or higher education later.

## What Could Guide Your Decision?

Here are a few questions to think about:

1. **Do you enjoy school and studying, or do you prefer practical work?**
2. **Are there specific areas you're already passionate about (e.g., science, business, tech, healthcare)?**
3. **Do you think you might want to go to university one day?**
4. **How important is it for you to start earning money earlier?**

## Example Paths Based on Interests

Interest/Goal	Suggested Path
Becoming a doctor, engineer, psychologist, etc.	<b>STX or HTX</b>
Interested in business, marketing, or finance	<b>HHX</b>
Want to become a carpenter, electrician, chef, mechanic	<b>EUD</b>
Like IT and want options open	<b>HTX or EUX (IT-related)</b>
Want a mix of job training + future university access	<b>EUX</b>

## Additional Thoughts (Cultural Background)

Being from a Kenyan family might also mean your parents value stability, education, or certain careers. It's okay to talk with them, but remember **you're the one living your life**. In Denmark, there are many good paths to success — not only university.

## Next Steps

1. **Visit educational fairs or "brobygning" (bridge-building) programs** to try different schools.
2. **Talk to a school counselor (UU-vejleder)** — they can help match your interests to programs.
3. **Look up schools near you** and see what they offer in terms of gymnasie, EUD, or EUX.

If you tell me more about what you like (subjects, hobbies, dreams), I can give more specific suggestions.