

Uddannelsesvejledning efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Sao Tome and Principe. 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 it's smart that you're thinking carefully about your next step. Since you've just finished primary school in Denmark (which typically ends around age 15-16), you're likely now choosing between different youth education paths like:

The Three Main Paths in Denmark After Primary School:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education – academic path)

- Examples: **STX**, **HHX**, **HTX**, or **IB (International Baccalaureate)**
- These prepare you for **university or other higher education**.
- Best if you like studying subjects like languages, science, social studies, or economics.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – practical path)

- Prepares you for **a skilled trade or job** (like electrician, carpenter, chef, healthcare assistant, etc.).
- You get **real work experience** (apprenticeships) and can still pursue further education later if you want.

3. Kombinerede forløb / 10. klasse (Optional transition year or combined programs)

- Some people take **10. klasse** to get more time to decide or improve their grades.
- There are also **EUX** programs that **combine vocational training and academic education**, allowing you to both learn a trade and qualify for university.

How to Choose?

Here are a few questions to guide you:

- **Do you enjoy academic subjects and want to go to university someday?**
→ Consider **STX**, **HHX**, or **HTX**.
- **Do you prefer hands-on learning and want to start working sooner?**
→ Look at **vocational education** (EUD or EUX if you want both options).
- **Not sure yet?**
→ **10. klasse** at an efterskole or ungdomsskole could give you time to explore.

Tips Specific to You:

- You speak Danish fluently, which is a strong advantage. But if you're also good in English or Portuguese (from your São Toméan background), maybe **HHX** or **IB** (International Baccalaureate) could open international doors.
 - If you're interested in technology, science, or design, **HTX** might be exciting.
 - If you're entrepreneurial or business-minded, **HHX** would be a strong fit.
 - If you want a strong general education to keep all doors open, **STX** is the most flexible.
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Final Advice:

Take a bit of time to:

- Visit open house events (**åbent hus**) at local schools
- Talk to your school guidance counselor (**UU-vejleder**)
- Maybe talk to older students or family friends who've gone through different paths

If you tell me a bit more about your interests (like what subjects you like or what kind of job you could imagine doing), I can give more specific recommendations.