

# Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Tunisia. 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 great that you've finished primary school and you're fluent in Danish — you're at a really important point in your life where your choices can shape your future, but don't worry, you don't have to have it all figured out right now. Let's walk through your options in Denmark and then look at what could make sense for you based on your interests and goals.

## Education Options After Primary School in Denmark

In Denmark, after primary/lower secondary school (folkeskolen), you typically choose between two broad paths:

### 1. General Upper Secondary Education (Gymnasiale Uddannelser)

These are meant for students who plan to go to university later.

- **STX** (Studentereksamen): Broad academic focus (science, humanities, languages).
- **HHX** (Higher Commercial Exam): Focus on business, economics, marketing.
- **HTX** (Higher Technical Exam): Focus on technology, science, and innovation.
- **HF** (Higher Preparatory Exam): A shorter, 2-year option for a more mature/alternative academic route.

### 2. Vocational Education and Training (Erhvervsuddannelse - EUD)

These combine school with hands-on training and apprenticeship, ideal if you want to start working faster in skilled trades or services.

- Fields include mechanics, carpentry, IT, health care, hospitality, etc.
- Can lead directly to employment or to **EUX**, a hybrid option that also allows university entry.

## How to Choose? Let's Reflect on You

Here are some questions to guide you:

### ✓ 1. What are you interested in?

- Do you like subjects like math, science, or literature?

- Or are you more interested in practical things — like fixing things, working with people, designing, or cooking?

## ✓ 2. Do you want to go to university someday?

- If yes, the **STX, HTX, HHX, or HF** might be better.
- If not sure or not interested, a **vocational program (EUD or EUX)** might get you into the workforce sooner with valuable skills.

## ✓ 3. How do you like to learn?

- Do you prefer theoretical learning (reading, writing, exams)?
- Or do you enjoy hands-on learning and real-world experience?

## 🌟 A Few Example Paths Based on Common Interests

| Interest  | Recommended Path                                   |
|---|--|
| Science/Medicine                                | STX or HTX (science line)                          |
| Business/Finance                                | HHX  |
| Technology/Engineering                          | HTX or EUX (technical)                             |
| Working with hands (e.g. electrician, mechanic) | EUD or EUX   |
| Healthcare/Social work                          | EUD (health/social line) or STX (social science)   |
| Design/Art                                      | STX (art line) or EUD (graphic design, multimedia) |

## 🌍 Extra Bonus: Your Background

Being Danish-born with Tunisian roots can be a strength:

- **Multicultural skills** can be an asset in international business, translation, social work, healthcare, and education.
- If you speak Arabic or French, that's a major plus in global workplaces or organizations.

## 😞 Final Thoughts

You don't have to choose a *final career* now — just the next step. And in Denmark, the system is flexible: even if you start in one path, you can usually switch later.

If you're unsure, consider:

- **Talking to a guidance counselor (UU-vejleder)**
- **Visiting schools during open house events**
- **Trying out short internships or intro programs (introduktionskurser)**

If you tell me more about what *you* enjoy, what you're curious about, or what your strengths are, I can help narrow it down even more!