

Uddannelsesvalg efter grundskolen



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 awesome that you're thinking seriously about your future at this point.

Since you've just completed primary school (which in Denmark typically means you've finished **9th or 10th grade**), your next step will likely be one of the upper secondary education options available in Denmark. Here's a breakdown of the main paths you can consider, depending on your interests, strengths, and future plans:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

This path prepares you for university and other higher education.

- **STX (Alment gymnasium)** – A broad, academic program with subjects like languages, humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination Programme)** – Focuses on business, economics, and marketing.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination Programme)** – Emphasizes science, technology, and innovation.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination Programme)** – A shorter, 2-year option that's more practical and flexible, often for students who want to go to teacher training, nursing, or other mid-length higher education.

 Choose this route if:

- You enjoy academic subjects.
- You think you might want to go to university later.
- You're still exploring your career options.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – EUD)

This is a more hands-on path that combines school and apprenticeship with a company.

- You can train to become a carpenter, electrician, chef, health care assistant, IT supporter, and much more.
- Typically takes 3-5 years depending on the field.

✓ Choose this route if:

- You prefer learning by doing.
- You want to start working sooner.
- You already have an idea of what job you'd like.

3. Kombinerede forløb (Combination Programs)

You can start with an **EGU** (Erhvervsgrunduddannelse) or **FGU** (Forberedende Grunduddannelse) if you're not sure what to do yet or need more preparation for either of the above paths.

✓ Choose this if:

- You need extra support before moving into a regular program.
- You want more time to explore options before committing.

Extra Opportunities You Might Explore

Since you have roots in **São Tomé and Príncipe**, you could:

- Consider international opportunities (study abroad, international programs).
- Use your cultural background in careers like international business, diplomacy, development work, or translation.

What To Think About

Ask yourself:

- Do I enjoy school and theory, or more practical learning?
- What subjects am I good at and enjoy?
- Do I want to go to university?
- Do I have a dream job or field in mind?

Final Thought

If you're still unsure, **talk to an educational counselor (uddannelsesvejleder)** at your school or local youth guidance center (UU-vejledning). They can help you make a decision based on your strengths and interests.

If you'd like, you can tell me more about what subjects or activities you enjoy, and I can help you narrow it down further!