

# Uddannelsesmuligheder i Danmark



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Mauritania. 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—congrats! 🎉 Since you're at a crossroads, let's look at your options in Denmark and what might make sense depending on your interests, strengths, and future goals.

## 🎓 Common Educational Paths in Denmark After Primary School (9th/10th Grade)

You typically have three main paths:

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

If you want to go to university later, this is usually the way to go.

- **STX (Studentereksamen):** General and broad. Good for humanities, social sciences, or natural sciences.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination):** Business-oriented. Focus on economics, marketing, etc.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination):** Focus on science and technology. Great for future engineers, IT, etc.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination):** A bit shorter (2 years). Often used if you're older or want more flexibility.

These are all usually 2–3 years long and prepare you for university.

### 2. Erhvervsuddannelse (Vocational Education – EUD)

If you prefer **practical, hands-on learning**, this might be for you.

- You learn a trade or profession (e.g., electrician, carpenter, hairdresser, healthcare assistant).
- Combines school + apprenticeship with a company.
- Leads to a job quickly, but you can also take **EUX** (a mix of vocational + academic subjects) if you want the option to go to university later.

### 3. 10th Grade (10. klasse)

Optional, but it can be a **good choice if you want more time to decide**, strengthen your skills, or improve your grades before choosing a path.

## How to Decide?

Ask yourself:

- Do I enjoy academic subjects like math, history, or languages? → STX or HTX.
- Do I like business or dream of starting something one day? → HHX.
- Do I like hands-on work and learning by doing? → EUD or EUX.
- Am I unsure and want a year to grow and explore? → 10th grade, maybe at an **efterskole** (boarding school focused on personal growth and learning).

## A Few Personal Recommendations

Since you're fluent in Danish and grew up in Denmark, all doors are open. Here are three paths you might want to explore:

### Option A: STX or HTX

If you enjoy school and might want to go to university. HTX could be great if you like tech or science.

### Option B: EUX (Vocational + Academic)

If you want a profession but also want to keep your university options open. It's a smart, flexible path.

### Option C: 10th Grade (10. klasse)

If you're unsure what you want yet, this can be a good chance to mature, get support, and explore.

## Bonus: Your Background

As someone with roots in Mauritania and life in Denmark, you have a unique cultural perspective. That could lead to opportunities in international work, social services, translation, diplomacy, or helping integrate others. Education paths like **STX with languages**, **HHX with international focus**, or **social care training** could also be worth thinking about.

Would you like help matching your interests (like what subjects you enjoy or what jobs you think are cool) to an education path?