

Uddannelsesvalg efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Portugal. 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?

Thanks for sharing your background — that's a great starting point. Since you're 16, have completed primary school (likely **folkeskole** up to 9th or 10th grade), and you're fluent in Danish, you have several solid education options available in Denmark. Your next step should reflect your **interests**, **career goals**, and **learning style**. Here's a breakdown of the main paths you can take:

1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

These are academic paths preparing you for higher education (university or similar). Ideal if you're interested in theoretical subjects and want to keep your future options open.

Main types:

- STX (Alment Gymnasium): Broadest option (humanities, sciences, social sciences).
- HHX (Business Gymnasium): Focus on economics, business, marketing.
- HTX (Technical Gymnasium): Focus on technology, science, IT.
- **HF** (Higher Preparatory Exam): 2-year version, more flexible, for mature students or those wanting a quicker route.

Good fit if:

You like school-style learning, may want to go to university, or enjoy subjects like languages, science, or economics.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education – EUD/EUX)

These are hands-on programs that combine school and apprenticeship in companies.

Examples:

- Electrician
- Carpenter
- Hairdresser
- Chef
- Mechanic



Health care assistant

There are **two versions**:

- **EUD** Direct to a trade.
- **EUX** Vocational + academic mix (lets you also go to university later).

Good fit if:

You want to **start working earlier**, learn by **doing**, and have a strong interest in a specific craft or trade.

3. International or Alternative Options

- **IB (International Baccalaureate)**: Taught in English, globally recognized. Available in some Danish schools.
- Efterskole: 1-year boarding school experience with social and personal development.
- **Study abroad**: If you want to reconnect with your Portuguese roots, a year in Portugal could also be enriching.

Good fit if:

You're curious about the world, want to learn in English, or want a more personal, less traditional year before continuing.

How to Choose?

Ask yourself:

- What do I enjoy learning?
- Do I prefer theory or practice?
- Do I want to go to university?
- Do I want to start working sooner?
- What kind of lifestyle and job do I see myself in?

Recommendations for You (Based on What You Shared):

Since you're fluent in Danish, have Portuguese roots, and just finished school:

- If you're still exploring: STX or HF would keep many doors open.
- If you love business or tech: HHX or HTX could be great.
- If you're more practical/hands-on: EUD/EUX could be excellent.
- If you're curious and want a unique year: Consider an efterskole or IB program.

Would you like help narrowing it down based on your interests (e.g., subjects you like, job dreams, hobbies)?