

ChatGPT



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Cuba. 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 a bit about yourself — and congratulations on finishing primary school! At 16, you're at an important crossroads, and Denmark actually offers a lot of educational flexibility and support, especially for young people with multicultural backgrounds.

Here's a breakdown of your options and a few recommendations, depending on your interests and goals:

🎓 Main Educational Paths After Primary School in Denmark

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

This path is great if you're aiming for university later on.

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen)** – Broad and academic, includes humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination Programme)** – Focus on business, economics, and international studies.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination Programme)** – Emphasizes science and technology.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination Programme)** – A shorter (2-year) academic program, often used if you want to go to university but prefer a less theoretical route than STX.

Recommended if: You enjoy academic subjects and want to keep university as an option.

2. EUD/Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training)

If you prefer hands-on work and want to start a career earlier, vocational education might be a better fit.

- You can train in areas like mechanics, hairdressing, carpentry, cooking, IT, and many others.
- Includes both school and apprenticeship with a company.

Recommended if: You want to start working sooner and like learning by doing.

3. EUX (Combined Vocational and Academic Education)

This is a mix of vocational training and academic education — great for keeping your options open.

Recommended if: You want practical skills *and* the option to go to university later.

What to Consider When Choosing

Here are some questions to help guide your choice:

- **Do you enjoy academic subjects like languages, science, or math?**
→ Consider STX or HTX.
 - **Are you more into business or economics?**
→ HHX might be a great fit.
 - **Do you like working with your hands, building things, or being creative in practical ways?**
→ EUD or EUX could be the way to go.
 - **Still unsure?**
→ HF or a 10th grade “efterskole” year could give you more time and experience to decide.
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Bonus: Your Cuban Background

Being bilingual or bicultural can be a **huge asset**. You could:

- Use your background in **language-related programs** (like international studies).
 - Choose education paths that open doors to **international business, tourism, or diplomacy**.
 - Later explore **study abroad opportunities** — your diverse background can give you a unique edge.
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Next Steps

1. **Visit open house events** at your local gymnasium or vocational schools.
 2. **Speak with a guidance counselor** (“Studievejleder”) — they can help you match your interests to a specific path.
 3. **Consider job shadowing** or internships this summer to try out a few career options.
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Would you like help figuring out which schools or programs are available near where you live? Or do you have specific interests or career ideas in mind already?