Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole

I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Suriname. 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 — it's great that you're already thinking carefully about your next steps. Since you're 16, just finished primary school in Denmark (which likely means *folkeskole*), and you're fluent in Danish, you have several good options available through the Danish education system.

🎓 Main Educational Paths After Primary School in Denmark

Here are your three main options:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary School)

This is the typical path if you want to go to university later.

Main Types:

- **STX (Studentereksamen)** – General academic focus (languages, humanities, sciences)
- **HHX (Højere Handelseksamen)** – Focus on business, economics, marketing
- **HTX (Højere Teknisk Eksamen)** – Focus on science, technology, IT, and design
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseseksamen)** – Shorter (2 years), for older students or those who want more flexibility

💡 **Recommended if:**
You enjoy academic subjects and want to keep your options open for university or professions like engineering, medicine, law, business, or education.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – EUD)

This leads to skilled professions with a mix of school and paid apprenticeship.

Examples:

- Electrician, carpenter, chef, hairdresser, social care worker, IT supporter, etc.

💡 **Recommended if:**
You like hands-on work, want to earn money while studying, and are interested in a practical career. You can still continue to higher education later (via EUX or supplementary courses).

3. EUX (Combined Vocational + Academic Education)

This combines vocational training (like EUD) with an academic upper secondary education (like HTX or HHX).

💡 **Recommended if:**
You want a skilled trade **and** the option to go to university later.

🚦 How to Choose?

Ask yourself:

- Do I like **theoretical/academic subjects**? → Consider STX, HTX, HHX, or HF.
- Do I enjoy **practical, hands-on learning**? → Look into EUD or EUX.
- Am I interested in a **specific career** already? → Tailor your choice to match (e.g., health care = SOSU, IT = HTX or EUD IT).

🔍 Tips Specifically for You

- As a person with Surinamese background in Denmark, consider schools or environments that are **supportive and diverse**. Talk to a school counselor (*UU-vejleder*), who can help with personalized advice.
- Look for schools with strong support systems, especially if you're the first in your family to go into a specific education track.

🔚 Final Thought

A good starting point could be:

- **STX** if you're strong academically and want a general education
- **HHX or HTX** if you're interested in business or technology
- **EUX** if you're undecided between practical and academic paths

Would you like help choosing between those based on your **interests, strengths, or career dreams**? I can help narrow it down with you.

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