

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Somalia. 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 that — it's great that you're thinking ahead about your education. Since you're 16 and just finished **primary school** in Denmark (likely 9th or 10th grade), you're at a key decision point. In Denmark, after *folkeskole*, students typically choose between several upper secondary education paths depending on interests, strengths, and future plans. Here are your main options:

1. STX (Almen Studentereksamen) – General Upper Secondary Education

- **Focus:** Broad academic subjects – languages, sciences, social studies.
- **Best for:** Students considering university or a wide range of careers.
- **Pros:** Opens many doors; respected; good if you're unsure of your long-term plans.
- **Challenge:** More theoretical than practical.

✓ *Recommendation if you enjoy school subjects, want to keep your options open, or aim for university.*

2. HTX (Teknisk Studentereksamen) – Technical Upper Secondary Education

- **Focus:** Science, technology, and practical applications.
- **Best for:** Students interested in engineering, IT, natural sciences.
- **Pros:** Practical + academic mix; strong prep for tech careers or studies.
- **Challenge:** Can be demanding in math and science.

✓ *Great if you like tech, science, or want a career in STEM fields.*

3. HHX (Handelsgymnasium) – Business-Oriented Education

- **Focus:** Business, economics, marketing, international trade.
- **Best for:** Students interested in business, finance, or management.
- **Pros:** Useful for future studies or jobs in business.

- **Challenge:** Less science, more economics and languages.

✓ *Strong choice if you're into business, sales, or entrepreneurship.*

4. EUX / EUD – Vocational Education and Training

- **Focus:** Trades and professions (electrician, mechanic, healthcare, etc.)
- **Best for:** Hands-on learners who want to enter the workforce quickly or become skilled workers.
- **EUX Option:** Combines vocational training with subjects from gymnasium, so you can go to university afterward.
- **Pros:** You can start earning earlier; strong job market demand.
- **Challenge:** Less theory, more hands-on.

✓ *Ideal if you like practical work or want a clear path to a career without university.*

How to Choose?

Ask yourself:

- Do I want to study more theory (like math, history, literature)?
 - Am I more practical and hands-on?
 - Do I already know what kind of job or education I want?
 - Do I want to go to university later?
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Bonus Tip (as someone with a multicultural background):

- Denmark values diversity, and there are **mentorship programs** and **career guidance** services that support young people with immigrant backgrounds.
 - You might also look into **bridging programs** (*brobygning*), where you can try different educations for a few weeks before deciding.
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My Personal Recommendation (based on what you've shared):

If you're doing well academically and want to keep your options open, **STX or HTX** could be very strong choices. But if you're more hands-on or want to start working earlier, **EUX** gives a great balance of both theory and practice.

If you'd like, I can help you compare specific schools or programs near you in Denmark. Just let me know where in Denmark you live (city/region), and what subjects or careers interest you most.