

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Moldova. 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 — and congrats on finishing primary school! At 16, in Denmark, you're at a really important decision point. Here's a breakdown of your main options and some thoughts on how to choose the best path for you.

Main Educational Paths After Primary School in Denmark

1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are more academically focused and prepare you for university.

- **STX (Almen Studentereksamen):** Broad, academic education – good if you're unsure about your future career.
- **HHX (Højere Handelseksamen):** Focus on business, economics, marketing – ideal if you like business or want to be an entrepreneur.
- **HTX (Højere Teknisk Eksamen):** Focus on science, tech, IT – great if you're interested in STEM.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseksamen):** Shorter (2 years), more practice-oriented, easier re-entry to education later – good if you're not 100% sure what you want.

Recommended if:

You enjoy school subjects like math, science, language, or business and are thinking of university in the future.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (VET – Vocational Education and Training)

A mix of school and apprenticeship (praktik). Leads to a skilled trade.

- Examples: Electrician, carpenter, chef, hairdresser, social and health worker.
- Takes 2–5 years, depending on the program and specialization.
- Good job opportunities and you get paid during praktik.

Recommended if:

You enjoy hands-on work, want to enter the job market sooner, or want to avoid too much academic study.

3. Kombinationsuddannelser (EUX)

Combination of gymnasial and vocational education.

- You get both a studentereksamen and a vocational qualification.
- It's demanding, but opens both job and university options.

Recommended if:

You're ambitious, want a wide range of options, and are interested in both theory and practice.

✅ How to Decide? Ask Yourself:

- Do I enjoy studying theoretical subjects, or prefer hands-on work?
- Do I want to go to university someday, or start working sooner?
- Do I already have a career dream (e.g. engineer, nurse, entrepreneur)?
- Am I interested in areas like business, technology, healthcare, etc.?

🌱 Personal Example Based on Your Background

You're fluent in Danish, born in Denmark, with Moldovan roots. That's a strength! You likely have cultural flexibility and bilingual skills.

- If you're interested in **university**, consider **STX** or **HHX** depending on whether you're more into general academic studies or business.
- If you're interested in **starting a career earlier**, or working with your hands, consider a **vocational education** or **EUX** to keep university as an option.
- If you're unsure, **HF** or **EUX** can give you a bit more time and flexibility.

💡 Final Tips

- Visit open house events (åbent hus) at schools.
- Talk to a **studievejleder (educational counselor)** – they're trained to help students like you.
- Don't stress about getting it 100% right now — in Denmark, the system is quite flexible and allows switching later.

If you tell me more about your interests (like favorite subjects, hobbies, or dream jobs), I can help you narrow it down even more!