

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Tajikistan. 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 helps a lot in giving meaningful advice. At 16 in Denmark, you're at a point where you have some good options depending on your interests, strengths, and long-term goals. Here's a breakdown of the main educational paths you can choose from after finishing primary (folkeskole) in Denmark:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are the most common paths if you're interested in going to university later.

STX – Studentereksamen

- **Focus:** Broad academic program with humanities, sciences, and social sciences.
- **Best for:** Those who enjoy academic learning and want a wide range of university options.
- **Duration:** 3 years.

HTX – Teknisk studentereksamen

- **Focus:** Technology, natural sciences, and innovation.
- **Best for:** If you're into science, engineering, or IT.
- **Duration:** 3 years.

HHX – Handelsgymnasiet

- **Focus:** Business, economics, and marketing.
- **Best for:** Students interested in business, finance, or entrepreneurship.
- **Duration:** 3 years.

HF – Højere forberedelseseksamen

- **Focus:** More practically oriented and shorter than the others.
- **Best for:** Students who want a faster route to professional education or who found folkeskole a bit challenging.
- **Duration:** 2 years.

2. Erhvervsuddannelse (VET – Vocational Education and Training)

- **Focus:** Practical training combined with school. You learn a trade (like electrician, carpenter, hairdresser, health care worker, etc.).
- **Best for:** Students who want to start working sooner or prefer hands-on learning.
- **Leads to:** Skilled work or further education (e.g. erhvervsakademi).
- **Duration:** Usually 3–4 years.

You can also take an **EUX**, which combines vocational training with general upper secondary subjects — so you can both work and qualify for university later.

How to Choose?

Here are a few questions to help you decide:

- **Do you enjoy academic subjects and exams?** → Consider STX or HTX.
- **Do you like building, fixing, or creating things?** → Maybe an EUD or EUX path.
- **Do you see yourself running a business someday or working in marketing or finance?** → HHX could be great.
- **Do you want to keep your options open and go to university later?** → STX or EUX gives you that flexibility.
- **Do you want a shorter school path and start working earlier?** → EUD is a good route.

Bonus Tip: Use Your Background

Your Tajik background and multilingual ability (Danish + possibly Tajik and/or Russian?) could be a real advantage:

- In international business (HHX).
- As a translator or in diplomacy (STX + language focus).
- In health care or social work (EUD + Danish + cultural competence).

Final Suggestion (if you're unsure):

If you're not completely sure yet, **STX or HTX** are great choices — they give you a broad education and keep your options open. You can specialize later. And if you prefer practical work, EUX is also a strong, flexible choice.

Would you like help comparing specific schools or programs near you in Denmark? Or want to talk through your interests more to narrow it down?