

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Slovakia. 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's a strong starting point. In Denmark, finishing primary school (Folkeskole) around age 15 or 16 usually means you're now considering either a **youth education program (ungdomsuddannelse)** or entering the workforce with a basic job (which is less common at your age).

Since you're fluent in Danish and have completed primary school here, you have full access to the Danish educational system. Here's a breakdown of your options and some recommendations based on your situation:

🎓 Main Paths After Primary School in Denmark

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are academic programs that prepare you for higher education (e.g., university):

- **STX** (studentereksamen) – Broad and academic, with subjects in humanities, sciences, and social studies.
- **HHX** (business upper secondary) – Focus on business, economics, and international trade.
- **HTX** (technical upper secondary) – Science and technology focus, ideal if you're into engineering, IT, or biotech.
- **HF** (2-year general program) – Shorter and more flexible; good if you want to keep options open but aren't sure about a long 3-year program.

Recommendation:

If you're academically inclined and considering university later, one of these is a great fit.

- **STX** gives you the broadest options.
- **HHX** is smart if you're interested in business or maybe even starting your own company (Slovak entrepreneurial roots? 😊).
- **HTX** if you like tech, engineering, or science.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training, VET/EUD)

A hands-on path where you combine school and apprenticeship. You can become anything from an electrician, carpenter, mechanic, chef, social and health assistant, IT supporter, or more.

Recommendation:

If you prefer practical work or want to start earning sooner, this path is excellent — and Denmark has strong support for apprenticeships. You can also later build on your VET education to enter further education.

3. Kombinerede forløb (EUX)

A mix of both academic and vocational training. You get both a studentereksamen and a vocational qualification.

Recommendation:

This is ideal if you want both job-ready skills and the option to go to university later. It's more demanding, but very rewarding.

How to Choose: Consider These Questions

- Do you enjoy theoretical subjects and reading/writing (go for **STX/HHX/HTX**) or prefer doing things with your hands and learning by doing (**EUD/EUX**)?
- Do you want to go to university later?
- Are you interested in fields like technology, business, social sciences, health care, or something else?
- Would you like to explore options in Slovakia later (e.g., university or work there)? Your bilingual and bi-cultural background could open doors.

Practical Tip

- **Talk to your local "UU-vejleder" (educational guidance counselor).** They can help match your interests with schools near you.
- Consider doing a **"brobygning" or "praktik" (short internship or trial weeks)** — you can try a school or a vocational path for a few days or weeks to see if it fits.

Final Thoughts

At 16, you don't need to have your entire future planned. Choose something that keeps doors open and fits your interests **right now**. Many people change paths later, and the Danish system is flexible enough to allow that.

If you tell me a bit more about your interests (like what subjects you like, hobbies, or career ideas), I can give more tailored advice.