

# 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 a bit about yourself—that helps a lot! Since you're 16, fluent in Danish, and just finished primary school in Denmark (likely meaning "Folkeskole" up to 9th or 10th grade), you're now at an important crossroad in the Danish education system. Let's explore your main options, depending on your interests and goals.

## 🎓 Main Educational Paths After Folkeskole in Denmark

### 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

Ideal if you want to go to university later.

- **STX (Studentereksamen):**
  - Focus: Broad academic subjects like Danish, math, science, languages, and humanities.
  - Good if: You like a bit of everything or want to keep your options open for university.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination):**
  - Focus: Business, economics, marketing, and languages.
  - Good if: You're interested in business, finance, or international trade.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination):**
  - Focus: Technology, science, and innovation.
  - Good if: You enjoy subjects like physics, chemistry, IT, or engineering.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination):**
  - Focus: A 2-year alternative to STX, often more practical and shorter.
  - Good if: You want to finish faster or didn't complete 10th grade.

### 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - EUD)

Ideal if you want to start working sooner or enjoy hands-on learning.

- Examples: Electrician, hairdresser, chef, carpenter, healthcare assistant.
- Combines school and apprenticeship (praktikplads).
- Takes 2-4 years depending on the program.

### 3. Kombinerede forløb (EUX)

Best of both worlds: academic + vocational.

- Combines EUD with subjects at gymnasialt niveau (like STX).
- You can go to university **or** work in a trade afterward.
- Longer (4-5 years), but very flexible in terms of future opportunities.

## Which Path Might Be Right for You?

Here are some questions to ask yourself:

- Do you want to **go to university**? → STX, HHX, HTX, HF, or EUX
- Are you more into **practical, hands-on work**? → EUD or EUX
- Do you like **technology, science, or engineering**? → HTX or EUX
- Are you interested in **business or economics**? → HHX
- Do you want to **start working earlier** and not sit in class all day? → EUD
- Want to **keep your options open** but not take the longest path? → HF or EUX

## Advice Based on Your Background

Since you're fluent in Danish and have roots from Suriname, you might bring unique cultural and language skills to certain areas like **international business (HHX)**, **healthcare (EUD/EUX)**, or even **tech (HTX/EUX)**.

Also, consider talking to a **UU-vejleder (youth guidance counselor)**—they're trained to help Danish students like you choose the right path based on your interests and goals.

## My Suggestion (If You're Still Unsure)

If you're open-minded and not 100% sure yet, I'd recommend looking closely at:

- **STX** – if you want a general academic education and time to decide later.
- **EUX** – if you're interested in getting a profession but also want the option of university later.

Would you like help comparing specific schools or programs near where you live in Denmark? I can help look some up if you tell me your city or region.