

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Guatemala. 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—you're in a really exciting stage of life, and it's great that you're thinking about your next steps already.

In Denmark, after finishing **primary school (folkeskole)** around age 15–16, you have a few main educational paths to consider. Since you're fluent in Danish and have completed the Danish school system so far, you have access to the same opportunities as other students. Here's a breakdown of your main options:

🎓 1. General Upper Secondary Education (Gymnasiale Uddannelser)

These are academically focused and prepare you for university.

Most common types:

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen)** – General academic program with a broad selection of subjects (humanities, sciences, social studies).
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen)** – Focus on business, economics, and international trade.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen)** – Focus on technology, science, and innovation.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseseksamen)** – A 2-year alternative to STX, more practical, often chosen by more mature or hands-on learners.

🧠 Recommended if:

You're interested in going to university in the future or exploring different academic fields before deciding.

🔧 2. Vocational Education and Training (EUD - Erhvervsuddannelse)

These programs combine **school learning and apprenticeship**, usually taking 3–5 years.

Examples:

- Electrician, carpenter, chef, healthcare assistant, mechanic, etc.

🧑 Recommended if:

You prefer learning by doing and want to start working with real skills soon. Some vocational paths also allow for further education later on.

3. International or Alternative Paths

- **IB (International Baccalaureate):** An international diploma taught in English—great if you're thinking of studying or working abroad.
 - **Efterskole:** Optional 1-year school (for 9th/10th grade) that can help you mature, build confidence, and make friends while exploring interests like music, sports, or tech.
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How to Choose?

Here are a few guiding questions:

- **Do you enjoy academic subjects like math, science, history, or languages?** → Look into **STX**, **HTX**, or **HHX**.
 - **Are you excited to work with your hands, earn money while learning, or enter the workforce earlier?** → Check out **EUD programs**.
 - **Are you still unsure what you want?** → An **Efterskole** year or **10th grade** could help give you space and direction.
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Bonus: Being Bilingual with Guatemalan Roots

That's a strength! You could:

- Use your Spanish and cultural knowledge in business, diplomacy, international relations, or tourism.
 - Choose a path like **HHX** (business) or **STX** (languages/social science) where your background can become a big asset.
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Would you like help narrowing it down based on your **interests or dream job**? I can give more tailored suggestions if you tell me what subjects or activities you enjoy.