

# Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Senegal. 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 — you're in an exciting phase of your life, and it's great you're thinking seriously about your next steps. Since you're in Denmark and just finished primary school (likely 9th or 10th grade), you're at a decision point where your interests, strengths, and goals really start to shape your path.

Here are your **main educational options in Denmark after primary school**, along with guidance depending on your interests:

## 1. Erhvervsuddannelse (EUD) – Vocational Education

- **Who it's for:** If you like hands-on work, want to start earning earlier, or prefer practical training.
- **Leads to:** Jobs like electrician, carpenter, hairdresser, chef, healthcare assistant, mechanic, etc.
- **Good if you're:** Practical, like solving real-world problems, and maybe not into long academic study.

 *Note:* There are strong job opportunities in trades, and you can later build on this to become self-employed or even study further (e.g., to become a building constructor or engineer).

## 2. Gymnasiale uddannelser (High School-level Academic Programs)

### a. STX (Almen studentereksamen)

- **General academic education** with focus on humanities, science, and social science.
- Good if you want broad options after, including university.
- Focuses a lot on theoretical learning.

### b. HTX (Teknisk studentereksamen)

- **More technical focus**, like IT, science, and technology.
- Ideal if you like STEM (science, tech, engineering, math).

### c. HHX (Handel studentereksamen)

- **Business and economics focus** – marketing, international trade, finance.
- Good if you're thinking about business, startups, or commerce.

#### d. HF (Højere Forberedelseseksamen)

- Shorter (2 years), more flexible.
- Great for people who want to get to university or vocational higher education but don't want a 3-year program.

👉 These paths keep many doors open and let you study further at university or other higher education.

#### 🧠 How to choose?

Here are some guiding questions:

Question	What it suggests
Do you enjoy working with your hands, tools, or practical tasks?	Consider <b>EUD</b>
Do you love science, technology, or engineering?	Look at <b>HTX</b>
Are you interested in society, history, languages, or philosophy?	Look at <b>STX</b>
Interested in business, marketing, or economics?	Look at <b>HHX</b>
Want a shorter program with flexibility?	Consider <b>HF</b>

#### 🌍 Your Background — Senegalese-Danish Identity

That's a strength. With multicultural experience, you might also consider careers in:

- **International business**
- **Translation/interpreting**
- **NGOs or development work**
- **Teaching, social work, or psychology**

#### 🔧 Final Advice

1. **Talk to a UU-vejleder** (Ungdommens Uddannelsesvejledning). They can guide you based on your grades, interests, and strengths.
2. **Visit open houses** (Åbent hus) at schools near you.
3. **Try internships or short courses** if you're unsure — Denmark supports that through *brobygning* (bridging programs).

Would you like help exploring a specific career or area you're interested in (like IT, healthcare, design, business, etc.)? I can show you how that maps to school programs in Denmark.