

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Malawi. 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?

That's a great question — and it's great that you're thinking ahead about your future! In Denmark, after finishing **primary school (folkeskole)**, you have several educational options depending on your interests, strengths, and career goals. Here's a breakdown of your main paths and some recommendations based on different types of interests:

1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education – Academic Path)

These are general academic programs that prepare you for higher education (like university).

The main types are:

- **STX (Studentereksamen)** – Focus on humanities, sciences, or social sciences.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination Programme)** – Focus on business, economics, and marketing.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination Programme)** – Focus on technology, IT, and natural sciences.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)** – A shorter, 2-year program if you prefer a more flexible path or had challenges in primary school.

Choose this if:

- You enjoy school subjects like math, science, language, or social studies.
- You want to go to **university** in the future.
- You're still figuring out your career path and want to keep your options open.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – EUD)

A more practical education path that combines **school and apprenticeship** (praktik) in a company.

Examples of fields:

- Electrician, carpenter, hairdresser, chef, mechanic, healthcare assistant, IT support, and more.

✓ Choose this if:

- You enjoy **hands-on work** and want to start working sooner.
- You're interested in a specific **trade or profession**.
- You'd rather not spend years in university.

3. Kombinerede Forløb (EUX) – Best of Both Worlds

EUX combines **vocational training** with an academic education, so you can **both get a skilled trade and qualify for higher education**.

✓ Choose this if:

- You want a **practical education**, but **still want the option to go to university** later.

What Should You Consider?

Here are a few guiding questions:

1. **Do you like practical or theoretical work more?**
2. **Do you want to study more, or start working soon?**
3. **Are you passionate about something like business, science, helping people, IT, etc.?**
4. **How did you do in school — and what subjects did you enjoy most?**

✨ A Few Example Paths Based on Interests:

Interest	Recommended Path
Science, medicine, university	STX or HTX
Business, marketing, entrepreneurship	HHX
Technology, engineering, design	HTX or EUX technical
Becoming a skilled professional (e.g., electrician, chef)	EUD
You're unsure and want to explore	STX or HF

Next Steps

1. **Talk to a UU-vejleder (youth education counselor)** — They can help you explore options and guide you through applications.
2. **Visit open houses (åbent hus)** at different schools.
3. **Try a “brobygning” or “praktik”** – These are trial programs where you try a school or education for a week or two.

If you tell me more about your **interests, strengths, or dreams**, I can give you a much more **personal recommendation**. Want to share more?