

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from The Syrian Arab Republic. 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 — it's great that you're thinking ahead about your future. In Denmark, after finishing primary school (folkeskolen), you typically have a few main educational paths to consider. The best choice depends on your interests, goals, and how you like to learn. Here's a breakdown of the main options and some advice tailored to your situation:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education - Academic Path)

These are great if you're considering going to university later.

Main types:

- **STX (Alment Gymnasium):** Broad and academic. Good for general university prep.
- **HHX (Handelsgymnasium):** Focus on business, economics, marketing. Good if you're interested in business, finance, or entrepreneurship.
- **HTX (Teknisk Gymnasium):** Focus on science, technology, and engineering. Ideal if you're into IT, engineering, or natural sciences.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseseksamen):** Shorter (2 years), less theoretical. Good if you're not sure yet or want flexibility.

Recommended if:

- You enjoy school subjects like math, science, languages, or social studies.
- You're thinking of going to university later (in Denmark or abroad).

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - EUD)

More practical, job-oriented programs. You combine school and internships/apprenticeships.

Fields include:

- Construction (electrician, carpenter)
- Healthcare (social and health care helper)
- IT, media, design
- Hospitality, cooking, mechanics, etc.

Recommended if:

- You like hands-on learning.
- You want to work sooner or prefer a practical career.
- You may still have the option to do **EUX** (vocational + academic mix) if you want to keep the path open for university later.

3. International or Bilingual Options

In cities like Copenhagen or Aarhus, there are **International Baccalaureate (IB)** programs or schools with bilingual Danish-English tracks.

Recommended if:

- You're fluent in English or want a global education.
- You might study or work abroad later.

Advice Based on Your Background

Since you're fluent in Danish and born here, you have all the same options as any other Danish student. But your Syrian background could also be a strength:

- If you're interested in **international relations, migration, politics, or languages**, you might thrive in **STX or IB**.
- If your family values practical skills or quick employment, a **vocational education (EUD/EUX)** might appeal.
- If you're ambitious and enjoy science or technology, **HTX or HHX** could open great doors, especially in Denmark's strong tech and business sectors.

Key Questions to Ask Yourself

- Do I enjoy theoretical schoolwork, or do I prefer practical learning?
- Do I want to go to university, or start working earlier?
- What subjects interest me most? (Science, business, tech, social studies, healthcare?)
- What are my long-term dreams? (Engineer, doctor, entrepreneur, artist, translator?)

You Can Change Later

Denmark's education system is flexible. If you start one path and change your mind, it's often possible to switch (e.g., from EUD to HF or take a 10th year to explore).

If you tell me more about what you enjoy (school subjects, hobbies, future dreams), I can give more specific recommendations or help you compare programs.