

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Slovakia. 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 at an exciting crossroads, and it's great you're thinking carefully about your next step.

In Denmark, after completing **primary school (folkeskole)** at around 16, you have a few main educational paths to choose from, depending on your interests, strengths, and long-term goals. Here's a breakdown to help you consider your options:

♦ 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education – Academic)

These are best if you're interested in eventually attending university.

Main types:

- **STX** (Almen studentereksamen): Broad academic program, good if you like languages, social sciences, or natural sciences.
- **HTX** (Teknisk studentereksamen): Focus on science and technology.
- **HHX** (Merkantil studentereksamen): Focus on business, economics, and international trade.
- **HF** (Højere Forberedelseseksamen): Shorter (2-year) program, good if you're not interested in 3 years of upper secondary school but still want access to higher education.

Good for you if:

- You enjoy academic subjects.
- You're possibly interested in university later.
- You're not sure yet and want to keep your options open.

♦ 2. Erhvervsuddannelse (VET – Vocational Education and Training)

A mix of school and apprenticeship in a company. Leads directly to jobs, but you can also continue into higher education later if you want.

Examples:

- Electrician, plumber, chef, carpenter, IT technician, health care worker, etc.

Good for you if:

- You like hands-on work or a specific trade.
- You want to start earning earlier.
- You'd rather not spend many more years in school unless it's directly useful.

♦ 3. Kombineret forløb (EUX)

A combination of vocational training (VET) and general upper secondary education (like gymnasium).

Good for you if:

- You want the **practical skills and work experience** of VET but also the option to go to university later.
- You're motivated and can handle a heavier workload.

♦ 4. International options / other considerations

- **International Baccalaureate (IB):** If you're interested in international studies or moving abroad one day. Good English skills are important.
- **Private schools or special programs:** Some offer arts, sports, or international curricula.
- You could also consider studying abroad later—knowing Slovak could be helpful if you ever want to connect with opportunities in Slovakia or Central Europe.

Recommendations based on your background

Since you're:

- Fluent in Danish
- Born and raised in Denmark
- From a Slovak background (multilingual)
- Just finished primary school

I'd suggest:

► Start with STX or HHX if you're still exploring and enjoy academic subjects.

- If you like **business, economics**, or international issues → **HHX** might be great.
- If you're more into **natural sciences or social sciences** → **STX** fits better.

Or:

► **If you enjoy practical, hands-on work, and you have an idea of a job you'd like → consider EUD or EUX.**

If you're unsure, I recommend **visiting education fairs (uddannelsesmesser)**, talking to a **UU-vejleder (youth education guidance counselor)**, and maybe **trying a short internship (praktik)** to test your interests.

Would you like help exploring specific programs in your area or comparing STX vs HHX more closely?