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I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Paraguay. 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 — that helps a lot.

Since you're 16, just finished primary/lower secondary school in Denmark (what's called "**Folkeskole**"), and you're fluent in Danish, you're now at a key point where you choose between a few different education paths. Your next step depends on your interests, career goals, and learning preferences.

Here's a breakdown of your main options, along with some recommendations based on different goals:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

These are academic-focused and prepare you for university.

STX (Studentereksamen)

- Focus: Broad academic subjects – science, humanities, social studies.
- Good if you're not sure what you want yet but think you'll want to study at university.
- Duration: 3 years.

HHX (Higher Commercial Examination Programme)

- Focus: Business, economics, international trade.
- Great if you're into business, marketing, or finance.
- Duration: 3 years.

HTX (Higher Technical Examination Programme)

- Focus: Science, tech, engineering.
- Perfect if you like subjects like math, IT, physics, or chemistry.
- Duration: 3 years.

HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)

- Focus: Shorter and a bit more flexible than STX.
- Good if you want a general academic path but prefer a slightly lighter load or are more mature.
- Duration: 2 years.

- ♦ **Recommended if:** You want to go to university, enjoy academic subjects, or need more time to decide on your future career path.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (VET – Vocational Education & Training)

These prepare you directly for a job or skilled trade.

- You learn through a mix of school and apprenticeship (praktik).
- Examples: Electrician, carpenter, hairdresser, chef, mechanic, etc.
- Can also lead to further education later, like becoming a **teknolog** or getting a **short-cycle** higher education.
 - ♦ **Recommended if:** You enjoy hands-on learning and want to get into work faster, or you're interested in a specific skilled trade.

3. International Options

You mention your Paraguayan background — maybe you'd be interested in studying something with a global angle?

- **IB (International Baccalaureate):** Available in some Danish schools. Very academic and globally recognized.
- **Exchange programs or bilingual programs:** Could make use of your multicultural background and open up future study/work opportunities abroad.

How to Decide?

Here are a few questions to ask yourself:

1. **Do I enjoy academic learning or more practical, hands-on work?**
2. **Do I want to go to university eventually?**
3. **Do I already have an idea of a career I'd like to pursue?**
4. **Am I interested in business, technology, social sciences, creative arts, or something else?**

Personal Recommendation (based on what you've shared)

Since you're fluent in Danish, born in Denmark, and just finished Folkeskole, I'd recommend looking at either:

- **STX or HHX**, if you're interested in university later and want to keep your options open. STX is more general; HHX if you like business or want to connect with your Latin American roots through international trade or economics.
- **HTX**, if you're good with science, math, or technology – could lead to great careers in IT or engineering, which are in demand in Denmark.

- If you're more hands-on or want to work sooner, check out **vocational training**. There's nothing wrong with starting there – many people move on to higher education later too.
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If you want, I can help you explore a specific program or school in your area. Just let me know your interests and where in Denmark you live (city or region).