

Uddannelsesvalg efter grundskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from South Africa. 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's a great starting point! Since you just finished primary school in Denmark (which typically ends after 9th or 10th grade), you're likely at the point where you choose between several secondary education paths. In Denmark, the system offers different routes depending on your interests, goals, and whether you're thinking of university, a trade, or something else.

Here's a breakdown of the **main options** you can consider now:

🎓 1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are best if you're aiming to go to university later.

The most common types:

- **STX (Studentereksamen)** – Focuses on humanities, science, and social studies. It's broad and academic.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination)** – Focuses on business, economics, and languages.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination)** – Focus on natural sciences, technology, and IT.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)** – Shorter (2 years), more practical, often for people who want a shorter path to further education.

👉 Recommended if:

You enjoy school, want a broad education, and might want to attend university in the future — even in Denmark or abroad.

🔧 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training, VET / EUD)

These combine school with paid apprenticeships. You learn a trade and often start working young.

Examples of professions:

- Electrician
- Carpenter
- Hairdresser
- Social and health care assistant (SOSU)

- IT supporter

👉 Recommended if:

You enjoy hands-on work, want to start earning sooner, or are passionate about a specific trade or career.

🎮 3. Other Specialized Schools

If you're creative or have a niche interest, consider:

- **Efterskole** – A one-year residential school (often in 10th grade) with focus on arts, sports, media, etc.
- **Design or art schools** (after 10th grade)
- **International or bilingual education** – especially valuable if you're considering an international career or want to connect with your South African heritage.

💭 What to Think About:

Here are some questions that might help clarify your next step:

- Do you enjoy academic subjects like math, languages, science, or history?
- Do you want to go to university someday, or would you prefer starting a job or trade earlier?
- Do you like hands-on, practical work, or more theoretical learning?
- Are you interested in business, tech, design, healthcare, or something else?
- Would you like to explore your South African heritage or consider international opportunities in the future?

🕒 My Suggestion Based on What You've Shared:

Since you're fluent in Danish and just finished primary school in Denmark, a strong starting point would be:

- **Consider STX or HHX** if you like academics or business and want to keep your options open for university.
- **Look into HTX** if you're interested in tech, science, or engineering.
- **Explore EUD** if you're more into practical, hands-on careers.

If you're unsure, a **10th grade year at an Efterskole** can be a great way to explore your interests, gain independence, and make new friends.

Would you like help narrowing it down based on your interests or strengths in school? Or maybe explore possible careers you might enjoy?