

# Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Guinea-Bissau. 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 your background! You're at an exciting point in life with many opportunities ahead. In Denmark, after finishing **primary school (folkeskole)**, you have several paths to choose from depending on your interests, strengths, and long-term goals. Here's a clear breakdown of your options and some guidance:

## 1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These prepare you for university. Great if you're academic and might want to study at university later.

- **STX (Studentereksamen)** – Broad and academic, good if you're interested in humanities, science, or social studies.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination)** – Focuses on business, economics, and marketing.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination)** – Focuses on science, technology, and innovation.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)** – A 2-year course (vs. 3 years for the others), more flexible, often used by older students or those who want a shorter route to further study.

### Recommended if:

You're interested in going to university, enjoy academic subjects, or aren't sure what career path you want yet.

## 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training / VET)

This path combines school with practical work (apprenticeship). You graduate with a qualification to work in a specific trade or profession.

Examples:

- Electrician
- Carpenter
- Healthcare assistant
- Hairdresser
- IT-supporter
- Chef

✅ **Recommended if:**

You enjoy hands-on learning, want to start working sooner, or want to earn while you learn.

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### 3. EUX (Vocational + Academic Combined Path)

This lets you get a vocational education **plus** a gymnasial-level academic qualification.

✅ **Best of both worlds:** You can get a trade job *and* still apply to university later.

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### 4. Other Possibilities

- **10th Grade:** Some students take an extra year to mature, explore interests, or improve grades before choosing a path.
- **Efterskole:** A unique Danish school for 9th or 10th grade – you live at school and focus on personal development, sports, or creative subjects.

✅ **Recommended if:**

You're unsure and want time to develop personally or improve academically.

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### **Bonus: With your multicultural background**

Denmark benefits from more diverse perspectives in education, business, and public life. Whether you pursue academics, trades, or creative paths, your identity can be a strength. There may also be support programs or mentorship networks for young Danes with immigrant backgrounds.

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### **What to ask yourself:**

- Do I like studying and exams, or do I prefer practical work?
  - What subjects excite me the most?
  - Do I see myself going to university one day?
  - Would I prefer to start earning money sooner?
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### **If you're unsure:**

A very good choice is starting **STX** or **HF**, as they keep many doors open. If you're more hands-on, **EUX** is also excellent and offers flexibility.

If you tell me your favorite subjects or what you dream of doing, I can give more specific advice!