

# Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Switzerland. 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 in an exciting spot with many possibilities ahead. Since you've just finished primary school in Denmark (typically around age 15–16), your next step would usually be choosing a **youth education programme** (*ungdomsuddannelse*). Here are your main options, depending on your interests and goals:

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

These are academically oriented and usually last 3 years. They're ideal if you're considering **university or higher education later**.

### Main types:

- **STX (Studentereksamen)** – Broad and traditional. Great if you're interested in humanities, sciences, or social sciences.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Exam)** – Focuses on **business, economics, and languages**.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Exam)** – Focus on **science and technology**.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Exam)** – A bit shorter (2 years), often for students who prefer a more practical/less theoretical approach.

👉 **Choose one of these if:** You enjoy academic subjects and might want to go to university in Denmark, Switzerland, or elsewhere in the EU.

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

These combine **school and apprenticeship/work**. You learn a trade or profession and can start working quickly, or continue with higher vocational studies.

### Examples:

- Electrician
- Carpenter
- Hairdresser
- IT supporter
- Chef

👉 **Choose this if:** You want a more practical path and prefer learning by doing, or already have a profession in mind.

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### 💡 **What to consider:**

- **Your interests** – Are you more academic or hands-on?
  - **Career dreams** – Do you want to study more later or start working sooner?
  - **Switzerland connection** – If you're thinking of studying or working there later, make sure your qualifications are compatible (most gymnasiale and VET programmes in Denmark are recognized or convertible).
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### 🇩🇰 **Language**

Since you're fluent in Danish, you're well-placed for any of the Danish-language tracks. However, if you're also fluent in German, French, or English (from your Swiss background), you might consider schools with strong language programmes or even international schools (e.g. International Baccalaureate – IB).

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### 🎯 **My recommendation:**

If you're unsure and want to **keep your options open**, go for a **general gymnasial programme (STX)** or **HHX** if you're more interested in business or languages. They give you broad knowledge and access to universities both in Denmark and abroad — including Switzerland.

If you're already sure you want a specific career and like practical work, then a **vocational path** could be perfect.

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Would you like help comparing STX, HHX, HTX, and HF more closely? Or are you leaning toward a more practical education?