

ChatGPT



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Canada. 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 in a great position, and it's good that you're already thinking about your future. Since you've finished **primary school (folkeskolen)** in Denmark, you're now likely deciding between several **youth education options**, typically starting at age 16. Here are your main choices, depending on your interests and goals:

🎓 1. Gymnasium (STX, HHX, HTX, HF) – Academic Upper Secondary Education

If you enjoy studying, are interested in going to **university later**, and want to keep many doors open, these are the most common academic paths.

♦ STX (Almen Studentereksamen)

- Focus: Broadest education (humanities, natural sciences, social sciences).
- Good if you're not sure what you want yet.
- Prepares you for nearly any university program.

♦ HHX (Højere Handelseksamen)

- Focus: Business, economics, marketing.
- Great if you're into commerce, entrepreneurship, or economics.
- Prepares you for business-related university studies.

♦ HTX (Højere Teknisk Eksamen)

- Focus: Technology, natural sciences, IT.
- Ideal for those interested in engineering, design, or science.
- Prepares you for technical university programs.

♦ HF (Højere Forberedelseksamen)

- Shorter (2 years), more flexible.
- Good if you didn't do well in school or want to move on quickly.
- Still gives access to university, but with some limits.

2. Erhvervsuddannelse (VET – Vocational Education and Training)

If you prefer **hands-on, practical work** or want to **start working sooner**, this could be a strong path.

- You combine school with apprenticeships.
- You can become a **carpenter, mechanic, chef, electrician, healthcare worker**, and more.
- Takes about 3–4 years and includes paid internships.
- You can later build on it with more education, including going to university via **EUX**.

Option: **EUX (VET + Academic Level)**

- Combines vocational training with academic courses.
- Takes longer (4–5 years), but gives you **both a trade and access to higher education**.

3. Take a Gap Year or Attend Efterskole/Højskole

Some teens choose to:

- **Attend an Efterskole** for a year (for personal development, friendships, or focusing on something like music, sports, or travel).
- Consider a **folk high school (højskole)** later, or even look into international opportunities given your Canadian roots.

Special Note – Your Canadian Connection

Because of your Canadian background, you **might consider**:

- Studying in Canada in the future (for university or college).
- Looking into **international education programs** (e.g. International Baccalaureate or English-language options in Denmark or abroad).
- Taking advantage of dual citizenship (if you have it) to explore work or study opportunities in both countries.

My Recommendation (Tailored)

Here's a general suggestion based on common interests:

You're Interested In...	Suggested Path
University and flexible future	STX
Business, finance, or marketing	HHX
Science, tech, or engineering	HTX
Working with your hands, practical career	EUD or EUX
Not sure yet or want time	Efterskole or STX as a broad option

Would you like to tell me more about:

- Your favorite subjects or interests?
- Whether you want to go to university later?
- Whether you prefer academic or hands-on work?

That'll help me give you a more personal recommendation.