

# Uddannelsesvalg efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Senegal. 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?

That's a big moment — congrats on finishing primary school! Since you're 16 and in Denmark, you're probably looking at your **youth education options** now (called *ungdomsuddannelser*). Denmark gives you a few solid paths depending on your interests, strengths, and goals.

Here's a breakdown of your main options:

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

These are academic and prepare you for university.

- **STX (Studentereksamen):** The most general. Good for many different university options later.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination):** Focuses on business, economics, marketing.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination):** Focuses on science, technology, engineering.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination):** Shorter (2 years), often more practical. Good if you prefer smaller classes and a faster route to further education.

👉 Recommended if:

- You enjoy school subjects and want to go to university.
- You like theory, reading, writing, and exams.

## 🔧 2. Vocational Education and Training (Erhvervsuddannelse / EUD)

This combines school with hands-on work (apprenticeship in a company). You become a skilled worker (*faglært*).

- Fields include: electrician, carpenter, hairdresser, chef, mechanic, healthcare assistant, IT support, etc.
- Takes 3–5 years depending on the field and your progress.

👉 Recommended if:

- You enjoy practical work and learning by doing.
- You want a faster path to a job.
- You're interested in working with your hands or a trade.

### 💡 3. EUX – Vocational + Academic Combo

This combines EUD with elements of upper secondary school. You can become skilled *and* keep the option to go to university later.

👉 Recommended if:

- You like practical work, but still want to keep your study options open.
- You're motivated and willing to take on a heavier workload.

### 🕒 How to Choose?

Ask yourself:

- **Do I enjoy school and academic work?** → STX/HHX/HTX
- **Do I want to work with my hands or learn a trade?** → EUD or EUX
- **Am I unsure, but want to keep doors open?** → STX or EUX
- **Do I have a passion already (tech, design, business, healthcare)?** → Choose a track that matches it.

### ✨ A Few Final Tips:

- Talk to your **UU-vejleder** (youth guidance counselor) — they're super helpful and know the local options.
- Visit open houses (*åbent hus*) at local schools or vocational institutions.
- If you're unsure, a **10th grade year** (*10. klasse*) at an efterskole or local school could give you time to explore.

If you tell me more about:

- What subjects you like or are good at,
- Whether you like hands-on work or more academic stuff,
- Your dreams for the future (if any),

...I can give more tailored advice!