

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Ireland. 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 — that helps a lot. In Denmark, after finishing **primary/lower secondary school (folkeskole)** around age 15-16, you have several solid educational options. Which one is best for you depends on your interests, learning style, and future goals (like university or a specific career). Here's a breakdown of your main paths, with pros and considerations:

1. Gymnasium (STX) – General Upper Secondary Education

Best if you're aiming for university and enjoy academic subjects like languages, science, history, etc.

- **Duration:** 3 years
- **Focus:** Broad academic education with specialization (studieretning) in areas like science, languages, or social sciences.
- **Ends with:** Studentereksamen (gives access to universities and other higher education).

Why choose it?

- You keep your options open for university.
- Strong academic foundation.
- Social environment with others your age.

2. HTX (Higher Technical Examination)

Best if you're interested in science, tech, or engineering.

- **Duration:** 3 years
- **Focus:** Technology, natural sciences, innovation.
- **Ends with:** Studentereksamen, like STX, but more technical focus.

Why choose it?

- Good if you're thinking about tech, engineering, or design.
- Practical + theoretical learning.

3. HHX (Higher Commercial Examination)

Best if you like business, economics, and languages.

- **Duration:** 3 years
- **Focus:** International business, economics, marketing.
- **Ends with:** Studentereksamen, focused on business and commerce.

Why choose it?

- Ideal for future careers in business, finance, or management.
- Strong international aspect (helpful with your Irish roots!).

4. EUX / EUD (Vocational Education & Training)

Best if you want to learn a trade or work sooner — but EUX also keeps doors open to higher education.

- **Duration:** EUD is typically 2–4 years; EUX is 4–5 years.
- **Focus:** Hands-on learning in fields like carpentry, healthcare, IT, mechanics, etc.
- **EUX:** Combines vocational training with academics = university-eligible.

Why choose it?

- You learn a profession and get work experience.
- With EUX, you can still go to university later.
- Good if you prefer doing things rather than studying theory.

Bonus Option: International Baccalaureate (IB)

Best if you're considering studying abroad (e.g., in Ireland or the UK).

- **Duration:** 2 years (after a 1-year pre-IB)
- **Language:** Taught in English
- **Focus:** International, rigorous academic program

Why choose it?

- Perfect if you're interested in studying outside Denmark or want an international edge.
- Recognized globally.

What To Consider:

- **Do you enjoy academic work, or do you prefer hands-on learning?**
- **Do you think you'll want to go to university?**

- **Are you thinking of working in Denmark or internationally (maybe Ireland)?**
 - **Which subjects excite you the most?**
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If you're unsure, **Gymnasium (STX)** is a great general option that keeps doors open — and you can always switch paths later if you discover a stronger interest. If you're already drawn to something like business, tech, or trades, one of the more specialized schools could be a better fit.

Would you like help narrowing it down based on your interests or future goals?