

ChatGPT



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Belarus. 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 great question, and it's really good that you're thinking about your future at this stage. In Denmark, after finishing **primary school (folkeskole)**, you have several educational paths depending on your interests, strengths, and long-term goals.

Here's a breakdown of your main options:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education – General)

If you're interested in going to university one day or want to keep your options open, this is usually the best path.

The main types are:


- **STX (Studentereksamen)** – Focuses on a broad general education with humanities, science, and social science.
- **HHX (Højere Handelseksamen)** – Focuses on business, economics, and languages.
- **HTX (Højere Teknisk Eksamen)** – Focuses on science, technology, and engineering.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseksamen)** – Shorter (2 years), more practical, and good for those who didn't do well in folkeskole but still want access to higher education.

 **Recommended if:** You enjoy academic subjects and may want to go to university in the future.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – VET)


These programs prepare you for specific trades or jobs (e.g., electrician, mechanic, carpenter, health care assistant).

- Combines school and paid apprenticeship.
- Takes around 3–5 years, depending on the field.
- You can also go on to **EUX**, which mixes VET with upper secondary education, giving access to higher education as well.

 **Recommended if:** You like hands-on work or already have a trade or profession in mind.

3. EUX – Vocational + Academic Combined Path

This is a **hybrid** path where you get both a vocational qualification and the option to go to university afterward.

 **Recommended if:** You want a practical skill *and* the chance to study further.

Things to Consider

- **What are your strengths and interests?**
 - Do you enjoy science, humanities, social studies, practical work?
- **Do you see yourself in university, or starting work earlier?**
- **What type of environment do you learn best in?**
 - Hands-on/practical, or classroom/academic?

Recommendation Based on Your Background:

Since you're fluent in Danish, born and raised in Denmark, and just finished primary school, you're well-positioned for any path. Here are three tailored options depending on your goals:

| Your Goal | Suggested Path |
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| Not sure yet but want to keep all doors open | STX – broadest academic education |
| Interested in tech, science, or engineering | HTX – focused on STEM |
| Want to work with business or entrepreneurship | HHX |
| Prefer practical, hands-on learning with good job prospects | VET or EUX |

Final Advice

Take a bit of time to:

- Talk to a **study counselor (UU-vejleder)** in your area – they're super helpful!
- Visit open house events at **gymnasier or erhvervsskoler** to get a feel for the place.
- Think about both short-term and long-term goals – nothing is set in stone, and you can always change direction later.

Would you like help narrowing this down based on your interests (e.g., do you like science, working with people, business, or something else)?