

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Benin. 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 point in life to stop and think carefully about your next steps. Since you're 16, finished primary/lower secondary education in Denmark, and are fluent in Danish, you have a range of good options. In Denmark, after primary school (folkeskole), you typically choose between **general upper secondary education** and **vocational education and training (VET)**. The best path depends on your interests, goals, and learning style.

Here's a breakdown of the main options:

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

These are 2–3-year academic programs that prepare you for university.

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen):** Broad, with a focus on humanities, science, and social studies. Good if you're unsure what you want to study later.
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen):** Business and economics-focused. Ideal if you're interested in trade, finance, or international business.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen):** Focus on science, tech, and engineering. Great if you like tech, design, or natural sciences.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseksamen):** Shorter (2 years), more practical and flexible. Good if you want to enter university but want a lighter academic load or had a non-traditional school background.

Recommended if: You want to keep university as an option, you enjoy studying, and you want to explore more subjects before deciding on a specific profession.

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

You get hands-on skills in a trade or profession (electrician, chef, mechanic, healthcare worker, etc.), combining school with apprenticeship.

- Lasts 3–5 years depending on the program.
- You earn a salary during the apprenticeship.
- After completion, you can start working immediately or take supplementary courses to enter higher education.

Recommended if: You enjoy practical work, want to earn money while studying, and prefer a clear career path.



3. EUX – Vocational + Academic Hybrid

You get both a vocational qualification **and** a general upper secondary diploma. Takes longer (4–5 years), but keeps both university and direct job opportunities open.

Recommended if: You like the idea of working in a skilled trade but still want to keep the door open to university or business school later.

How to Choose?

Here are a few questions you can ask yourself:

- Do you like studying and writing essays, or do you prefer hands-on, practical learning?
 - Do you have an idea of what job or field you want to work in?
 - Do you want to go to university eventually?
 - Do you like working with people, tech, nature, business, or creative work?
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My Suggestion (based on what you've said so far):

If you're unsure what you want but like learning and want to keep your options open, **STX or EUX** could be strong paths. STX gives you the broadest academic base, while EUX gives you a solid profession *and* university access.

If you already know you want to work with your hands or have a trade in mind, **EUD** is excellent and respected in Denmark.

Would you like help choosing based on your interests? If you tell me more about what you enjoy—subjects, hobbies, skills, etc.—I can give more personalized advice.