

ChatGPT



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Austria. 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 — it's great you're thinking seriously about your next steps. Since you just finished primary school in Denmark (which usually means **Folkeskole** up to 9th or 10th grade), you have several main options in the Danish education system depending on your interests, learning style, and future goals. Here's a breakdown with recommendations tailored to your situation:

Main Educational Paths After Primary School in Denmark

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

This path is for you if you enjoy academic subjects and might want to go to university later.


- **STX (Studentereksamen)** – General upper secondary school. Wide focus: humanities, sciences, social studies. Good if you're not sure what you want yet.
- **HHX (Handelsskole)** – Focus on business, economics, and languages. Great if you're interested in commerce or management.
- **HTX (Teknisk gymnasium)** – Focus on science, technology, and engineering.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseseksamen)** – 2-year program for slightly older or more mature students. Less theoretical, more practical. Shorter than STX.

 *Recommended if:* You enjoy school, want to keep your options open, and might go to university.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - EUD)

This path leads to a job qualification and often includes apprenticeships.

- Examples: Electrician, carpenter, hairdresser, chef, social and health care worker (SOSU).
- You learn both in school and at a workplace.
- Shorter than gymnasiale uddannelser and more hands-on.

 *Recommended if:* You prefer practical learning and want to enter the workforce earlier, or learn a trade.

3. Kombinationsforløb (EUX)

A combination of vocational training **and** general upper secondary education.

- You become qualified both for a trade and for university.
- Longer and more demanding, but gives you many options.

📌 *Recommended if:* You're ambitious and want both practical skills and the possibility to study further later.

Choosing Based on Your Interests

Here are a few guiding questions:

- Do you enjoy reading, writing, and theoretical learning? → **STX**
 - Are you interested in business or marketing? → **HHX**
 - Do you love science or tech subjects? → **HTX**
 - Are you hands-on and want to work with your hands or in healthcare, crafts, or design? → **EUD or EUX**
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Bonus: Your Austrian Background

Being fluent in Danish and having Austrian roots might make you extra strong in languages or cultural knowledge. You could consider:

- Studying **German** as a subject – could give you an advantage in HHX or STX.
 - Planning for international opportunities later, such as studying or working in Austria or elsewhere in the EU.
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Final Thoughts

At 16, it's normal not to have everything figured out. Denmark's education system is flexible, so even if you choose one path now, you can often shift later.

If you tell me a bit more about:

- What subjects or activities you like
- Whether you prefer theory or practical work
- If you're thinking about university or working sooner

...I can give you a more personal recommendation.

Would you like to explore that together?