

# Uddannelsesmuligheder i Danmark



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Japan. 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 a bit about yourself — that helps a lot in giving you useful advice. Since you just finished **primary school** in Denmark and you're 16, that suggests you may have had a slightly different educational path (maybe a late start or different schooling system), but that's totally fine.

Here's a breakdown of your main **educational options in Denmark after primary school**, along with some guidance to help you choose the best fit:

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

These are academically focused and prepare you for **university**.

### Most common types:

- **STX** (*studentereksamen*): General academic focus (humanities, sciences, languages, etc.).
- **HHX** (*højere handelseksamen*): Focus on business, economics, and marketing.
- **HTX** (*højere teknisk eksamen*): Focus on science, technology, and engineering.
- **HF** (*højere forberedelseksamen*): Shorter, more flexible (2 years), good if you're not sure or want to take a practical route later.

### Recommended if:

- You enjoy academic subjects like languages, history, science, math.
- You're considering **university later**.
- You want to keep your options open.

## 2. Erhvervsuddannelse (EUD) – Vocational Education and Training

This combines school and hands-on work (like an apprenticeship). It prepares you directly for a profession (e.g., electrician, chef, carpenter, IT support, etc.).

### Recommended if:

- You want to **start working sooner** or learn by doing.
- You're interested in a trade or technical job.

- You don't want to study long-term at a university (but it doesn't block that path later if you change your mind).

### 3. International Options or a Gap Year

If you're bilingual (Danish + Japanese), you have a unique advantage. You could:

- Look into **international schools**, especially if you want to work globally.
- Take a **10th grade** or **efterskole** year to try new subjects, mature socially, or explore interests (some offer Japanese, design, or creative programs).
- Consider a **high school exchange** year in Japan to connect with your roots.

### What Might Be a Good Fit for You?

Given that you're:

- **Fluent in Danish**,
- Have **Japanese heritage** (could be useful for language or international work),
- Recently finished **primary school** (so still transitioning),
- And possibly want to keep options open...

I would suggest this route:

 **Go for STX or HF** if:

- You're not 100% sure what job you want yet, but are willing to study and explore.
- You want to keep doors open to university (in Denmark or even Japan).

 **Go for EUD** if:

- You know you enjoy practical work or want to learn a specific trade or career.

 **Take a 10th grade or efterskole** if:

- You're unsure and want a year to grow, get life experience, or try new interests before committing.

### **Bonus Tip:**

Since you have Japanese roots, learning **Japanese at a high level** (reading, writing) could become a **huge asset** in future jobs — translation, tourism, business, diplomacy, etc.

Would you like help figuring out which subjects or career fields you might enjoy? I can help with that too.