

# Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Sudan. 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 that you're thinking ahead about your future. In Denmark, you have several solid educational options after completing primary school (folkeskole). The best path depends on your interests, strengths, and long-term goals. Here's a breakdown of your options and some tailored advice:

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

If you're interested in **academic subjects** and potentially going to **university later**, this is likely your best path. You have a few choices here:

### ✓ STX (Almen Studentereksamen)

- Focus: General academic education (languages, sciences, humanities).
- Good if: You're not yet sure what to study later, but want university options.
- Length: 3 years.

### ✓ HHX (Højere Handelseksamen)

- Focus: Business, economics, and marketing.
- Good if: You're interested in finance, international trade, or business management.
- Length: 3 years.

### ✓ HTX (Højere Teknisk Eksamen)

- Focus: Science, tech, IT, and engineering.
- Good if: You like math, science, or technical subjects.
- Length: 3 years.

### ✓ HF (Højere Forberedelseksamen)

- Focus: A shorter, more practical academic route.
- Good if: You want a more compact education (2 years), often for students who want to enter social work, healthcare, or teaching.
- Length: 2 years.

## ♦ 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training / EUD)

If you're more hands-on and want to **learn a trade or profession** while working, this is a great choice.

- Includes apprenticeships.
- Covers areas like carpentry, plumbing, healthcare, culinary arts, childcare, and more.
- Can lead directly to a job or further education.
- Typically 2-5 years depending on the program.

✓ Good for: Students who like practical work and want to start a career sooner.

## ♦ My Recommendation (Based on Your Background)

Since you're fluent in Danish, born and raised in Denmark, and now at a key moment in your life, consider this:

 **If you're curious, academically capable, and want to keep your options open:**

→ **STX** is a strong, general choice. It prepares you for almost any university education.

 **If you're into business, economics, or entrepreneurship:**

→ **HHX** can give you a head start and useful skills for the job market or future business studies.

 **If you love tech, coding, engineering, or science:**

→ **HTX** will give you deep subject knowledge and access to technical university studies.

 **If you want a job faster and prefer learning by doing:**

→ **EUD** (vocational education) is a practical and respected route.

## ✨ Other Considerations

- **Talk to a school counselor (UU-vejleder):** They can guide you based on your grades, interests, and ambitions.
- **Look into 10th grade (10. klasse):** If you feel like you need more time to decide or improve your skills, this is a good buffer year.
- **Don't worry if you're unsure:** Many students switch paths later — Denmark's system allows flexibility.

Would you like help exploring which subjects you enjoy most or how to figure out what you're good at? I can help you reflect on that too.