

Uddannelsesvejledning i Danmark



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from North Korea. 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 — you're in a very important moment of your life, and it's great that you're thinking ahead. Since you've just finished primary school in Denmark (typically 9th or 10th grade), your next step would usually involve choosing a **youth education program** (*ungdomsuddannelse*). The best path depends on your interests, strengths, and future goals — but I can give you a good overview and tailored advice:

The 3 Main Education Paths After Primary School in Denmark

1. General Upper Secondary Education (Gymnasiale uddannelser)

- **STX** (Studentereksamen): Focus on general academic subjects (languages, science, social studies). Good for university preparation.
- **HHX** (Higher Commercial Examination): Focus on business, economics, and languages. Great if you're interested in business or international work.
- **HTX** (Higher Technical Examination): Focus on science, technology, and innovation. Good if you enjoy math, IT, or engineering.
- **HF** (Higher Preparatory Examination): A shorter, 2-year program (often for older students or those wanting a flexible path to higher education).

2. Vocational Education and Training (EUD / EUX)

- If you want to learn a trade (e.g., carpenter, electrician, chef, health care assistant).
- **EUX** combines vocational training with a general upper secondary education, so you can both work and go to university later if you choose.

3. International or Alternative Programs

- If you're interested in a more global path, there are international schools, IB (International Baccalaureate), or boarding schools (*efterskole / kostgymnasium*) with unique focuses (e.g., arts, sports, languages).

Things to Think About

• What are you interested in?

Do you enjoy science, writing, social studies, helping people, working with your hands, business?

• Do you like schoolwork or more hands-on learning?

Gymnasium paths are more academic. Vocational paths are more practical and job-focused.

- **Do you think you might want to go to university later?**
If yes, STX, HHX, HTX, HF, or EUX are better options.
- **Are you still exploring your identity and interests?**
Some young people with international backgrounds (like you) find HHX or international schools helpful because of the focus on culture, global issues, and language.

My Personal Suggestion Based on What You've Shared

Since you're fluent in Danish and just finished Danish primary school, you have the same opportunities as any other Danish student. Given that your parents are from North Korea, you might have a unique perspective on global issues, culture, or politics.

If you're:

- **Academically interested and unsure about your exact future goal** → **STX** is the broadest and most flexible.
- **Interested in business, economics, or international affairs** → **HHX** could be great.
- **Hands-on and want a job sooner but still keep the door open for university** → **EUX** is worth exploring.
- **Wanting a bit more time to figure things out** → A year at an *efterskole* might be a good idea before gymnasium or vocational school.

What You Can Do Next

- Talk to a **UU-vejleder (educational guidance counselor)** — they can help you explore your options.
- Visit **open house events** at your local gymnasiums or vocational schools.
- Try an **introductory course (brobygning)** if you're unsure between paths.

If you tell me a bit more about your **interests** or **future hopes** (e.g., do you want to go to university, work with tech, help people, create things, travel, etc.), I can help you narrow it down even further.