

ChatGPT



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Germany. 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 at an important decision point, and it's great that you're thinking ahead.

In Denmark, after finishing **primary school (folkeskolen)** at around age 15–16, you typically have several main **educational options**, depending on your interests, strengths, and future goals. Here's a breakdown of the main paths:

🎓 1. General Upper Secondary Education (Gymnasiale Uddannelser)

These are **academic** programs, typically 3 years long, that prepare you for university:

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen)** – The most common option. Broad focus on humanities, social sciences, and sciences.
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen)** – Focus on business, economics, and languages.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen)** – Focus on technology, science, and innovation.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseksamen)** – 2-year program, often used by those who want a faster route to higher education or didn't go directly into STX.

♦ *Recommended if:*

You're interested in university studies, enjoy academic subjects, and want to keep your options open.

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

This path combines **school and apprenticeship**. You get a skilled trade qualification and can work directly afterward.

Examples:

- Electrician
- Carpenter
- Hairdresser
- Social and health care worker (SOSU)
- Chef

Some vocational programs also allow access to **higher education** (via EUX, see below).

♦ *Recommended if:*

You prefer practical learning, want to enter the workforce sooner, or already have a specific trade in mind.

3. EUX – A Combination Path

This is a **hybrid** between vocational training and general upper secondary education. You get both a trade qualification and a studentereksamen (university access).

♦ *Recommended if:*

You want a practical job but also want the option to go to university later.

How to Choose?

Ask yourself a few questions:

1. **Do you enjoy academic subjects (math, science, languages)?**

- → Consider STX, HTX, HHX.

2. **Do you like working with your hands or learning by doing?**

- → Consider EUD or EUX.

3. **Are you drawn to business, tech, or health care?**

- → Consider HHX, HTX, or vocational programs in those areas.

4. **Do you want to study in Germany someday?**

- Since you have German roots, you could consider programs that focus on language or international studies. HHX might be a good fit, or STX with German language focus.
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Tips

- **Talk to a guidance counselor (Studievejleder)** – every school offers help.
 - **Visit open house events (Åbent Hus)** – get a feel for the school and program.
 - **Don't feel locked in** – Danish education allows a lot of flexibility and second chances.
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If you'd like, I can help you explore specific schools or programs near where you live. Just tell me your region or city!