

# Uddannelsesmuligheder i Danmark



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Switzerland. 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?

That's great that you're thinking carefully about your next step — and being fluent in Danish gives you strong options in Denmark's education system. Based on your situation (16 years old, just finished primary/lower secondary school, living in Denmark with Swiss roots), here are some good paths to consider, depending on your interests and goals:

## 1. Gymnasium (General Upper Secondary Education)

**Best if:** You're academically strong and considering university later.

- **STX (Studentereksamen)** – General academic program with focus areas like humanities, sciences, or social sciences.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination Programme)** – Focus on business, economics, and languages.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination Programme)** – Focus on science, technology, and design.
- **IB (International Baccalaureate)** – International diploma in English; great if you're considering studying abroad or in Switzerland later.

### Pros:

- Prepares you for university in Denmark or abroad.
- Wide range of subjects to explore.
- Recognized internationally (especially the IB).

### Cons:

- More theory-heavy and exam-focused.
- Less practical training.

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

**Best if:** You prefer hands-on learning and want to start working sooner.

- Examples: Electrician, carpenter, chef, mechanic, hairdresser, social care worker.
- You spend time both in school and as an apprentice in a company.

- Takes 3–5 years, depending on the program.

#### Pros:

- Paid internships (løn under praktik).
- Clear path to a job.
- Can still go to *Erhvervsakademi* or *Professionshøjskole* later.

#### Cons:

- Less theory; may limit university options unless you take *EUX*.

**Tip:** Look into **EUX**, a hybrid that combines vocational training with a general upper secondary education — a solid option if you want both hands-on experience and the option to study further.

### 3. Efterskole or 10th Grade

**Best if:** You're unsure and want an extra year to grow, explore interests, or boost academic skills.

- **Efterskole:** A boarding school focused on personal development, hobbies, or special interests (e.g., music, sports, design, outdoor life).
- **10th Grade:** Can be taken at a regular school, boarding school, or continuation school (*fortsættelsesskole*).

#### Pros:

- Great for maturing, gaining independence, and meeting new people.
- Helps clarify your direction.

#### Cons:

- Delays your next step by one year (though for many it's worth it).

### 4. Study Abroad or Exchange Programs

**Since you have Swiss roots,** you could consider:

- An exchange year in Switzerland (or another country).
- Looking into schools with international focus, e.g., IB programs or Swiss-German schools.

This could open doors and give you experience with both cultures.

### Summary – Choose based on your interests:

Interest	Suggested Path
Academic subjects & university	STX, IB
Business & economics	HHX

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Science & tech	HTX
Hands-on jobs	EUD or EUX
Still unsure	10th grade or efterskole
International opportunities	IB or study abroad

If you tell me a bit more about your interests — like what subjects you enjoy, whether you prefer practical work or academic study, or if you're thinking of moving to Switzerland one day — I can give even more tailored advice.