

# Uddannelsesmuligheder i Danmark



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Sao Tome and Principe. 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 a great question, and it's good that you're thinking ahead about your future. Since you just finished primary school in Denmark (likely **9th or 10th grade**, depending on your path), your next step typically involves **youth education (ungdomsuddannelse)**. The right choice depends on your **interests, strengths, and goals**. Here are the main options, along with some advice:

## 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

These are more academic and prepare you for university.

### ✓ Good if:

- You enjoy subjects like languages, science, social studies, or math.
- You think you might want to go to university later.

### Options:

- **STX (Studentereksamen)** – Broad and academic; lots of options in science, humanities, or social sciences.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Exam)** – Focus on business, economics, and languages.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Exam)** – Focus on technology, science, and innovation.
- **HF (Higher Prep Exam)** – 2-year program, often for more mature or practical students.

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

This is a more hands-on path, often involving **apprenticeships** and leads directly to a career.

### ✓ Good if:

- You prefer practical learning over sitting in a classroom all day.
- You want to work as a skilled worker – e.g., electrician, carpenter, hairdresser, chef, mechanic, etc.
- You want to start earning money sooner.

There's also **EUX**, which combines vocational training with more academic subjects – so you can both work and keep the door open for university.

### 3. International or Alternative Paths

- You could consider **IB (International Baccalaureate)** if you're interested in studying abroad or want a very internationally focused education.
- **Folk high schools (højskole)**: Not formal education, but great for personal development (usually after age 17.5).

### Some personal suggestions as a young Dane with roots in São Tomé and Príncipe:

- **Play to your strengths**: Being bilingual or multilingual is a big advantage – could lead to careers in communication, diplomacy, international business, or teaching.
- **Think about role models**: Do you know anyone with a career you admire? What path did they take?
- **Consider diversity**: Denmark needs more professionals with diverse backgrounds – law, teaching, healthcare, or entrepreneurship are areas where your perspective could be a strength.

### Next steps for you:

1. **Visit educational guidance (UU-vejledning)** in your kommune – they help students exactly in your situation.
2. **Try internships (brobygning or praktik)** to test different paths.
3. **Talk to people** – friends, family, teachers, or even people working in jobs you might want.
4. **Explore educational fairs or websites** like UddannelsesGuiden: [www.ug.dk](http://www.ug.dk)

Would you like help exploring specific careers based on your interests (e.g. “I like helping people” or “I like working with my hands”)? Or would you like a roadmap for a specific path, like becoming a doctor or an electrician?