

# Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Liechtenstein. 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 the context — that helps a lot. Since you're 16 and just finished primary school in Denmark (which usually ends around age 15–16), your next step is typically choosing a **youth education program** ("ungdomsuddannelse"). There are a few main paths, and the best one for you depends on your interests, strengths, and future goals.

## Main Education Paths After Primary School in Denmark

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

These are academically oriented and prepare you for university.

- **STX** (Alment gymnasium): Broad, general education good if you're unsure but want to keep university options open.
- **HHX** (Business-oriented): Focus on business, economics, and languages good if you're interested in finance, international trade, or entrepreneurship.
- **HTX** (Technical-oriented): Focus on science and technology great if you like math, IT, or engineering.
- **HF** (Shorter, more flexible program): Two-year program often used as a second chance or for mature students can still lead to university.

✓ Best for you if: You enjoy studying, want to keep doors open for university, and like subjects like languages, science, or business.

#### 2. EUD / EUX (Vocational Education and Training)

Prepares you for a skilled trade or job — or a combo of trade and general education.

- **EUD**: You learn a trade like electrician, carpenter, chef, hairdresser, etc., with a mix of school and apprenticeship.
- **EUX**: Combines vocational training with academic subjects, so you can both get a trade and qualify for university.

✓ Best for you if: You want to start working earlier, like hands-on learning, or are interested in skilled trades or technical work.

### About Your Liechtenstein Background

Your citizenship might give you access to education in **Liechtenstein**, **Austria**, **Switzerland**, or the **EU/EEA** more broadly. If you're interested in studying or working abroad in the future, **learning German** (if you don't already speak it) would be a strong asset.

## How to Decide?

Ask yourself:

- Do I enjoy school and studying theory? → Consider STX, HTX, HHX, or EUX.
- Do I prefer practical, hands-on work? → Consider **EUD** or **EUX**.
- Do I have a strong interest already (like IT, mechanics, cooking, art, business)? → Match your interest to a program.

## **My Recommendation**

Since you're fluent in Danish and just finished primary school, you likely qualify for any of the above. Here's a suggestion based on a general, open-minded approach:

**STX or EUX** are great "safe" options that keep many doors open — university, job market, or further education.

If you want, I can help you compare specific schools or paths near where you live — or help explore options in Liechtenstein if you're curious about going international.

Would you like that?



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Lithuania. 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 clarifying — with Lithuanian roots and a Danish upbringing, you're in a strong position: bilingual background, fluent in Danish, and just finished **primary/lower secondary school** (Folkeskole). At 16, you're right at the point of choosing a **youth education program** (ungdomsuddannelse) in Denmark.

Let's look at your best options and how to choose based on who you are and what you might want.

## Main Education Paths After Primary School in Denmark

## 1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (Upper Secondary – Academic)

These are 2–3 year programs that prepare you for **university**.

- **STX** (Alment gymnasium): Broad, general education with focus on humanities, social science, and science.
- **HHX** (Business-oriented): Economics, business, international trade often includes foreign languages.
- HTX (Technology-oriented): Science, IT, innovation good for future engineers, designers, etc.
- **HF** (2 years, more flexible): Often used as a second chance route or by those who want to shorten the path to university.

#### Good choice if you:

- Like studying and academic subjects
- Might want to go to university
- Don't mind homework and theory-based learning

#### 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education - EUD/EUX)

These are more practical and lead to a job or apprenticeship — or in the case of EUX, **also qualify you for university**.

- **EUD**: Become a skilled worker (mechanic, carpenter, chef, hairdresser, etc.)
- **EUX**: Combines EUD with general subjects (math, Danish, etc.) so you can also go to university later.

### Good choice if you:

- Prefer learning by doing (praktisk)
- Want to enter the job market faster
- Have a clear idea of what trade/profession interests you

### 3. International or Bilingual Paths (Optional, Based on Background)

Since your family is from Lithuania, you could:

- Improve your English or Lithuanian for future studies abroad
- Consider an International Baccalaureate (IB) program (taught in English)
- Explore options to study in **Lithuania** or elsewhere in the EU (you likely have EU citizenship)

## Good choice if you:

- Are internationally minded
- May want to study abroad or work across borders
- Already speak multiple languages

## **What I Recommend**



#### If you're unsure:

- **6** STX or EUX are the most flexible and future-proof.
- STX gives you a broad education and time to explore your interests.
- **EUX** gives you a trade **and** the option to study later.

#### If you already know what interests you:

- Tech/engineering-minded? → HTX
- Business-minded? → HHX
- Hands-on learner? → EUD or EUX
- Want to keep international doors open? → IB or language-rich STX

# Next Steps

- 1. Visit open house events (åbent hus) at local schools.
- 2. Try **UG.dk** (official Danish education site) to compare schools and programs.
- 3. Talk to a **study counselor (studievejleder)** at your school or local youth guidance center (**UU-vejledningen**).
- 4. If you're curious about Lithuania, we can explore what opportunities exist there too.

Would you like help comparing specific programs in your area or maybe advice based on your interests or skills?