

Uddannelsesvalg efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Israel. 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 place to be — right on the edge of new opportunities. Since you're 16 and just finished primary school in Denmark (which probably means **Folkeskole**), you're at the typical age where Danish students move into **youth education**. The best path depends on your interests, goals, and how you like to learn. Here's a clear overview of your options:

🇩🇰 Main Educational Paths After Folkeskole in Denmark

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are 2–3-year academic programs that prepare you for higher education (e.g., university).

- **STX (Studentereksamen):** Broad and academic, with many subjects – good if you're interested in humanities, social science, or natural sciences.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination):** Focused on business, economics, and marketing.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination):** Focused on science, tech, and engineering.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Exam):** 2-year course, more flexible – good if you want a shorter, practical path to higher education.

Recommended if: You enjoy school, want to go to university, or want to keep your options open.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - EUD)

These combine classroom education and paid apprenticeships with a company.

- Fields include: carpentry, plumbing, IT, healthcare, media, cooking, mechanics, etc.
- Takes 2–5 years depending on the field and your progress.
- You can also take **EUX**, a combination of vocational training and a higher exam, so you keep university access.

Recommended if: You like hands-on work, want to learn a trade, or want to start earning sooner.



How to Choose?

Here are a few questions you can ask yourself:

- Do I enjoy studying and academic subjects like math, history, or science?
- Do I prefer working with my hands or being practical?
- Am I interested in business, technology, or healthcare?
- Do I want to go to university or start working sooner?

Your Background — A Plus!

Being Danish-born with Israeli roots gives you a multicultural perspective. That's a strength in areas like:

- **International business**
- **Languages and cultural studies**
- **Politics or diplomacy**
- **Tech and global entrepreneurship**

Final Thoughts + Suggestions

Here are a few possible directions depending on your interests:

Interest	Recommended Path	Why
Academics, Uni, Many Options	STX	Broad education, many university doors open
Business & Economics	HHX or EUX	Focused, practical + theoretical
Engineering, Science	HTX or EUX	Strong in tech and science, good for DTU or AAU later
Hands-on Work (e.g. electrician, chef, etc.)	EUD	Practical and leads to jobs fast
Health or Social Work	EUD or HF	Good vocational and academic balance

What You Could Do Next:

1. **Visit an educational counselor** ("UU-vejleder") — they can help you explore local options.
2. **Attend open house events** at gymnasiums or vocational schools in your area.
3. **Talk to family and older students** who've gone through the system.

If you tell me a bit more about what subjects or activities you enjoy, I can give you a more tailored recommendation.