

# Uddannelsesvalg efter folkeskolen



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

Thank you for sharing your situation — you're at a very important stage, and it's great you're thinking carefully about your next step.

Since you've just finished primary school (which in Denmark is typically **Folkeskolen** up to 9th or 10th grade), you now have several main options depending a bit on your interests, strengths, and long-term goals. I'll lay them out simply:

## 1 Gymnasium (STX, HHX, HTX, HF) — If you're interested in higher education later

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen):** General upper secondary education. Broad subjects like science, languages, social studies, and humanities. Good if you're unsure or want university options open.
- **HHX (Handelsskolen):** Focuses on business, economics, and international trade. Useful if you're interested in business, finance, marketing, or entrepreneurship.
- **HTX (Teknisk gymnasium):** Focus on technology, science, IT, and engineering. Great if you like technical subjects or want to work with science or technology.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseksamen):** A bit shorter (2 years), often more practice-oriented. A good option if you want to move quicker towards certain professions or professional education.

### ✓ Why choose this path?

It gives you many options later: university, professional bachelor, academy programs, etc.

## 2 Vocational Education (EUD, EUX) — If you want to work sooner, or like practical work

- **EUD (Erhvervsuddannelse):** Vocational training for becoming a skilled worker (carpenter, electrician, hairdresser, mechanic, chef, etc.).
- **EUX:** Combines vocational education with some academic subjects so you can also continue studying afterward if you want.

### ✓ Why choose this path?

You learn both in school and on the job. Denmark has a strong system for apprenticeships. This is great if you like practical, hands-on work but still want options for further education later.

## 3 Something more unique: International or special schools

- Some schools offer international programs (IB — International Baccalaureate), which can be helpful if you're considering studies abroad or an international career.
  - Some youth programs combine school and sports, arts, or other interests.
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### **A few personal factors you might consider:**

- Are you more academic or practical?
  - Do you enjoy school subjects like math, languages, business, technology, or something creative?
  - Do you have a dream job or area already in mind?
  - Would you like to start working earlier or go to university later?
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### **My general advice (based on your age and situation):**

Since you're 16, fluent in Danish, and just finishing primary school, **Gymnasium (STX, HHX, or HTX)** is often a very good default choice unless you strongly prefer practical work. It gives you broad options later.

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👉 If you tell me a bit more — like your interests, subjects you like, or jobs you're curious about — I can give a much more specific recommendation.

Would you like me to?