

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Saint Lucia. 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 big and exciting step in your life—congratulations on finishing primary school!


Since you're in Denmark and just finished **folkeskolen**, you're probably considering one of the following next steps in the Danish education system. The best path depends on your **interests**, **academic strengths**, and **career goals**, but I'll walk you through the most common options and some guidance to help you choose:

◆ Your Options After 9th or 10th Grade in Denmark

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)


These are for students who may want to continue to university or other higher education.

- **STX** – Studentereksamen (broad academic focus: science, social studies, languages, etc.)
- **HHX** – Higher Commercial Examination (focus on business, economics, and international relations)
- **HTX** – Higher Technical Examination (focus on technology, science, and innovation)
- **HF** – Higher Preparatory Examination (shorter, more flexible – good if you're unsure or need a lighter academic load)

 **Recommended if:** you're academically strong and want to keep university as an option later.


2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - EUD)

You combine school and apprenticeship. You get trained for a specific job (like electrician, chef, hairdresser, mechanic, etc.).

 **Recommended if:** you like hands-on learning and want to enter the workforce more quickly.

3. Kombinationsforløb (EUX)

A combination of vocational training and general upper secondary education. You learn a trade but also get qualifications for university.

 **Recommended if:** you want both practical skills and the option to continue to higher education.

How to Decide

Ask yourself:

1. **Do you enjoy academic subjects (like math, science, language, etc.)?**
→ Then **STX**, **HTX**, or **HHX** might suit you.
2. **Are you more practical and like doing things with your hands?**
→ Consider a **vocational education** (EUD or EUX).
3. **Do you have a specific dream job or interest already?**
→ Let's talk about that! I can guide you more specifically.
4. **Do you want to go to university one day?**
→ Then choose a **gymnasial** education or **EUX**.

Special Considerations

- Since your family has a Caribbean background (Saint Lucia), you might have **multicultural insights** or **language skills** that could be valuable in international studies, tourism, diplomacy, or business.
- If you're interested in **technology**, **climate**, or **healthcare**, Denmark is strong in those sectors, and there's high demand in those fields.

Final Advice

If you're unsure, it's completely okay. Many young people don't have it all figured out at 16. Here's what I recommend:

1. **Talk to a guidance counselor (studievejleder)** – your school or UU-vejleder (Ungdommens Uddannelsesvejledning) can help.
2. **Visit open house events (åbent hus)** at local schools or vocational centers.
3. **Try a short introductory course (brobygning or erhvervspraktik)** to test out a school or profession.

If you tell me more about what subjects you enjoy, or any ideas you have for your future, I can give even more personalized advice. Would you like that?