

ChatGPT



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Estonia. 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 sharing your background! Since you're 16, just finished **primary school (folkeskole)** in Denmark, and are fluent in Danish, you have several great options ahead of you depending on your **interests, learning style, and career goals**.

Let's break it down clearly:

Step 1: Decide What Kind of Education Suits You

After 9th or 10th grade in Denmark, your main options are:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General upper secondary education)

If you're interested in continuing to university later, this is the usual path.

- **STX (Studentereksamen)** – Broad, academic focus (science, humanities, social studies)
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination)** – Focus on business, economics, and international trade
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination)** – Focus on natural sciences and technology
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)** – Shorter, more practical (2 years), good if you're unsure what you want long-term

Recommended if:

- You want to keep doors open to university
- You enjoy academic learning
- You're interested in subjects like science, language, economics, etc.

2. EUD / EUX (Vocational education and training)

If you want a job faster or like learning by doing.

- **EUD** – Learn a trade (e.g. electrician, hairdresser, carpenter, chef). You spend time both in school and as an apprentice in a company.
- **EUX** – A mix of vocational training and academic classes. It lets you both get a trade and qualify for higher education later.

✓ Recommended if:

- You like hands-on work
- You want to enter the job market faster
- You're interested in practical careers, but might also want to study further later

Step 2: Think About Your Interests

Ask yourself:

- Do I enjoy academic subjects like math, science, or languages?
- Do I like working with people, technology, or my hands?
- Do I want to go to university or start working sooner?

Your interests will help you choose between gymnasiale uddannelser and vocational education.

Example Paths

Interest	Suggested Path
Interested in science or university later	STX or HTX
Like business and maybe want to study marketing or economics	HHX
Want to be a chef, mechanic, or work in a trade	EUD
Want both vocational training and option to go to university	EUX
Not sure, want to keep options open but more practical	HF

Bonus Tip as a Person with Estonian Roots

If you're bilingual (Danish + Estonian), you have a unique edge. Consider:

- Language-focused STX line if you like languages
- Studying international business (HHX) — your language skills are a strength
- Later working or studying abroad – Estonia and Denmark both have strong EU connections

Final Thought

Here's a good plan:

1. Visit **uddannelsesguiden.dk** – the official education portal in Denmark.
2. Talk to a **study counselor (studievejleder)** at your current school or a local **UU-vejledning**.
3. Maybe try a **“brobygning” or praktik** (a trial stay) at a school to get a feel for the environment.

Would you like help exploring one of these paths in more detail, like STX vs HHX, or what specific job areas are in demand in Denmark?