

# Uddannelsesvalg efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Japan. 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 question, and it's fantastic that you're thinking ahead. Since you're 16 and have just finished primary school in Denmark (which likely includes both **Folkeskole** and possibly 10th grade), your next step depends on your **interests**, **strengths**, **and future goals**. Here's a breakdown of the most common Danish educational paths after primary school, and what might fit you best:

### 1. Gymnasium (General Upper Secondary Education)

**Good for:** If you're academically strong and possibly planning to attend university.

There are three main types:

- STX: Broad academic focus (languages, science, humanities). Good general path to university.
- HHX: Business and economics focus. Good for business school or entrepreneurship.
- HTX: Technology and science focus. Great if you like math, physics, or IT.

#### **Pros:**

- Keeps many doors open for future university studies.
- STX is the most "classic" route for students wanting flexibility later.

# 🖋 2. Erhvervsuddannelse (Vocational Education & Training – EUD)

**Good for:** If you prefer hands-on learning or want to enter the workforce quickly.

You can become a:

- Carpenter
- Electrician
- Hairdresser
- Chef
- IT Supporter
- And many more skilled trades.

#### Pros:

• You earn a salary during your apprenticeship.



• Leads to a good job or further education (like **EUX** or a professional academy).

**EUX** is a mix of vocational training **and** a general education, so you can go to university afterward too.

### 3. Other Paths

- **Efterskole or Højskole**: If you want a year to explore personal growth, arts, sports, or international experiences.
- **IB (International Baccalaureate)**: If you're interested in a more global or English-speaking education, possibly useful if you want to study abroad or have international ambitions.
- **10th Grade (if not already completed)**: A common extra year to get more ready academically or personally.

### Personal Fit Questions

Ask yourself:

- Do I like school and academic subjects?
- Do I prefer practical/hands-on work?
- Do I want to go to university one day?
- Do I want to start working as soon as possible?
- Am I interested in business, science, IT, design, or something else?

# 😝 Bonus: With Your Background

Since you have Japanese heritage, are fluent in Danish, and live in Denmark:

- Consider international options (IB, exchange programs, studying abroad later).
- Japanese language or cultural skills could be a huge asset in business, diplomacy, or international work.

## My Recommendation (If You're Still Unsure):

If you like school and want to keep your options open:

**STX or HHX** is a safe and flexible path.

If you're practical, want a clear job direction, or don't love sitting in a classroom all day:

**EUD or EUX** can be a great choice.

If you want time to grow and think:

→ Consider an efterskole with a theme you like (e.g., music, sports, outdoor life, international).

If you want, I can help you compare specific programs near where you live or based on your interests (like "I like computers" or "I want to be a chef"). Would you like that?