

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from The Maldives. 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! It's great that you're thinking about your next steps after primary school — this is an important moment. Since you're 16 and just finished **folkeskolen** (Danish primary/lower secondary education), you have a few main options in Denmark's education system, depending on your interests, academic strengths, and career goals.




Here are your **main pathways**, along with pros and considerations for each:

♦ Gymnasiale uddannelser (General upper secondary education)




This is the most common next step for students aiming for university later.

Options:




1. STX (Studentereksamen) – Broad academic focus (science, humanities, languages, etc.).

-  Good for university preparation
-  Offers flexibility
-  More theory-heavy




2. HHX (Higher Commercial Examination) – Business, economics, marketing.

-  Great if you're interested in business/finance
-  Prepares you for both university and business careers
-  Less science/technology

3. HTX (Higher Technical Examination) – Focuses on science, tech, and innovation.

-  Ideal if you're into STEM subjects
-  Practical and future-oriented
-  Less emphasis on humanities

4. HF (Higher Preparatory Examination) – 2 years, more flexible and practical.

-  Good if you prefer a shorter program or didn't get the grades for STX
-  Accepts a wide range of students
-  Slightly fewer university options

♦ Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational education and training – EUD)

If you're more interested in **hands-on work** or starting a career earlier.

- Examples: Electrician, chef, hairdresser, mechanic, IT supporter, etc.
- ☒ Mix of school and apprenticeship in real companies
- ☒ Can lead to good jobs fast, or be a stepping stone to more education (like **EUX**)

Bonus option:

- **EUX**: Combines vocational education with academic subjects so you can go to university too.
 - ☒ Best of both worlds — job + education path

♦ How to choose?

Ask yourself:

- Do you enjoy academic subjects like math, history, science? → **STX, HTX, HHX**
- Are you more hands-on or want to work earlier? → **EUD or EUX**
- Do you want to go to university later? → **Any gymnasial program or EUX**

Personal tip:

Given your background — fluent in Danish, multicultural identity, and likely good adaptability — you have strong social and language skills. If you're not yet sure what career you want, **STX or HHX** might give you the broadest options while keeping things open.

If you're interested in tech or science (like programming, green tech, or health science), then **HTX** is a fantastic and modern option that fits well with future job markets.

If you'd like, I can help you explore what subjects or careers you might enjoy based on your interests. Want to do a short interest quiz or tell me more about what you like doing in school or free time?