

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Benin. 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 you're in an exciting stage of life with many possibilities ahead. Since you've finished primary school in Denmark at age 16, you're now ready to choose your next educational step within the Danish system. Let me walk you through your main options, and then I'll offer a recommendation based on your situation.

Overview of the Danish Education Path after Primary School (Folkeskole)

After completing **9th or 10th grade**, you typically choose between:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education – General)

These are academically focused and prepare you for university or higher education:

- **STX** (Alment gymnasium): Focuses on a broad academic curriculum (languages, humanities, science).
- **HHX** (Handelsskole): Focus on business, economics, and languages.
- **HTX** (Teknisk gymnasium): Focus on technology and natural sciences.
- **HF** (Højere Forberedelseseksamen): A 2-year program for those who want a more practical and shorter route to higher education.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – VET)

- For careers like electrician, carpenter, chef, hairdresser, social worker assistant, etc.
- Combines school with real work experience (praktik).
- Can also lead to further education later on.



Choosing the Right Path – Key Questions

To recommend the best route, I'd consider:

- Do you enjoy academic subjects like math, science, or literature?
- Are you more hands-on and like to work with practical tasks?
- Do you dream of going to university?
- Are you interested in business, technology, health, or something creative?

Recommendation Based on Your Situation

As a 16-year-old fluent in Danish, with cultural roots in Benin and a Danish upbringing, you have the ability to move between different worlds—this can be a strength in fields like international business, education, health, or diplomacy.

Here are three possible paths depending on your interests:

✓ If You Like Academics and Want to Keep University as an Option:

→ STX or HHX

- STX is best if you're still exploring and want a broad education.
- HHX is ideal if you're interested in economics, marketing, or global trade.

Why? You'll keep all your options open and can later go to university or professional higher education.

✓ If You're More Practical and Want to Learn a Trade:

→ Erhvervsuddannelse (EUD)

- Choose a vocational program that matches your passion (e.g. IT-support, chef, electrician, child care).
- You can still pursue further education after this (e.g. **EUX** gives both a trade and a general education diploma).

Why? You'll earn money during training and learn a job that's in demand.

✓ If You Want a Mix of Practical and Academic:

→ EUX

- Combines vocational education and general upper secondary education.
- For example, you can become a carpenter **and** later study engineering.

Why? You stay flexible and can either work or go to university later.

Bonus Tip: Use Your Bilingual and Multicultural Background

With roots in Benin and fluency in Danish, you could look into future careers where intercultural skills are valuable:

- International business
- Translation/interpreting
- Development work/NGOs

- Education or social work with multicultural communities
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Final Thought

If you're unsure, you can talk to a **UU-vejleder (Youth Guidance Counselor)** in your kommune. They help young people find the right education or job path.

Would you like help creating a short plan or pros/cons list for specific options (like STX vs HHX vs VET)?