

# Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Gabon. 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?

Thank you for sharing a bit about your background — that helps a lot. You're in a really good position, and it's great that you're already thinking ahead. Since you just finished primary school in Denmark (I assume you mean *folkeskole*), your next steps would typically be one of several options depending on your interests, strengths, and long-term goals.

Let's look at your main options in Denmark after *folkeskole*:

## 1 Gymnasium (STX, HHX, HTX, HF)

This is the most common next step if you're aiming for university later.

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen):** The most general high school education. Good if you're unsure what you want or want to keep doors open for university studies later (humanities, science, social sciences, etc).
- **HHX (Handelsskole):** Focuses more on business, economics, and international trade. Might be interesting if you have an interest in business, economics or want to work internationally (especially with your multicultural background).
- **HTX (Teknisk gymnasium):** Focuses on technical subjects, science, technology, IT, and engineering.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseksamen):** A shorter, 2-year program for more practical-oriented students, often a bit easier if you want a faster path to higher education or certain professions.

### 👉 Recommendation:

If you're academically strong and want to keep as many doors open as possible, STX is a great choice. If you lean towards business or technology, HHX or HTX may fit better.

## 2 Erhvervsuddannelser (EUD - Vocational Education and Training)

If you prefer a more practical, hands-on education leading directly to a profession (e.g. electrician, carpenter, chef, healthcare assistant, etc.).

- You'll combine school with apprenticeships.
- Many EUD programs now also allow you to continue studying later if you change your mind.
- There's also EUX, which combines vocational training with gymnasium-level studies so you can both get a profession and qualify for university later.

### 👉 Recommendation:

If you enjoy working with your hands or a specific profession already interests you, this is a strong, job-secure path. EUX is excellent if you want both practical skills and the option for higher education later.

### 3 10th Grade (10. klasse)

Some students take an extra year after *folkeskole* to mature, figure out their interests, or improve grades before entering gymnasium or EUD.

### 👉 Recommendation:

If you're uncertain or want a year to grow, this can be very useful. Many people also enjoy attending an *efterskole* in 10th grade — it's a very Danish experience, great for personal development, making friends, and gaining independence.

### Personal factors to consider:

- Are you more academic or more practical?
- Do you know what you enjoy (science, business, technology, art, people, etc)?
- Do you want to go to university one day, or get a profession sooner?

👉 Since you're fluent in Danish and have a multicultural background, you also have an advantage if you're interested in international work, languages, or diplomacy in the future. That could make HHX, STX, or even international programs interesting too.

### Quick example paths:

If you want to...	Consider...
Keep all doors open	STX
Do business or economics	HHX
Do technology or science	HTX
Get a profession soon	EUD or EUX
Take a breather & prepare	10th grade or efterskole

👉 If you tell me a bit more (what you're interested in, your strengths, etc.), I can give a more tailored recommendation.

Shall we? 😊