

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Slovakia. 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 really helps in giving relevant advice. Since you're 16 and just finished primary school in Denmark (likely completing *folkeskole*), you now have several good options depending on your interests, strengths, and career goals.

Here's a breakdown of your main choices in the Danish education system, along with some recommendations based on different interests:

1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are academic programs that prepare you for higher education (e.g. university or professional bachelor).

➤ STX (Studentereksamen) – General upper secondary school

- **Best for:** Broad academic interest (humanities, science, social studies)
- **Duration:** 3 years
- **Leads to:** University (Bachelor's degrees)
- **Why choose it:** Great if you're unsure what you want to study later and want many options.

➤ HHX (Higher Commercial Examination Programme)

- **Focus:** Business, economics, and international trade
- **Leads to:** University or business-related professions
- **Why choose it:** If you're interested in business, finance, or international relations.

➤ HTX (Higher Technical Examination Programme)

- **Focus:** Technology, science, and engineering
- **Leads to:** University or technical professions
- **Why choose it:** If you enjoy science, programming, or engineering.

➤ HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)

- **Duration:** 2 years
- **Best for:** More practical approach or if you want to take a shorter academic route.
- **Why choose it:** If you prefer a more mature and practical academic environment.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - VET/EUD)

- **Best for:** Getting into the workforce quickly with hands-on skills
- **Examples:** Electrician, carpenter, healthcare assistant, mechanic, chef
- **Duration:** 3-5 years (mix of school + internship)
- **Leads to:** Skilled employment or further education (EUX path)

► **EUX – Combines VET with academic qualifications**

- **Why choose it:** If you want both a trade and the option to go to university

3. Other options

- **Efterskole (1-year boarding school):** For personal development and time to figure out what you want. Often chosen after 9th or 10th grade.
- **10th grade:** Optional, for improving grades or preparing better for upper secondary.
- **International programs:** If you're interested in studying in English or abroad later.

Special Tip: Use Your Bilingual Background

Being fluent in Danish and having Slovak roots is a big asset:

- Consider international business, translation, EU careers, or diplomacy.
- Look for schools with language tracks (STX often offers that).

Questions to Ask Yourself:

1. Do you prefer hands-on learning or academic study?
2. Are you more interested in science, people, business, or something creative?
3. Do you want to go to university?
4. Would you enjoy working in an apprenticeship?

My Recommendation (Based on General Interest)

If you're unsure and want to keep as many doors open as possible:

Go for STX, especially with a focus on languages, social sciences, or natural sciences.

If you already know you enjoy business or tech:

Consider **HHX** (business) or **HTX** (tech/science).

If you want to get into a trade but still keep your university options:

EUX is a fantastic hybrid.

Would you like help exploring schools near you, or want a test to find out which path suits your interests best?