

Uddannelsesvalg efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Netherlands. 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 really good that you're thinking ahead. In Denmark, you have several options after finishing primary school (folkeskolen), and your choice will depend on your interests, strengths, and future goals. Here's a breakdown of the main paths and some advice tailored to your situation:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

If you're interested in going to university in the future, this is likely your best path.

Options:

- **STX (Studentereksamen)** General academic focus, good if you're interested in humanities, social sciences, or natural sciences.
- HHX (Højere Handelseksamen) Focus on business, economics, and marketing.
- HTX (Højere Teknisk Eksamen) Focus on technology, science, and engineering.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseseksamen)** Shorter (2-year) option, good for people who are more practically or socially oriented.

***** Recommendation:

Choose **STX** if you're not sure yet and want to keep your options open. It's well-respected and offers a broad education.

2. Erhvervsuddannelse (Vocational Education & Training / EUD)

If you prefer hands-on learning and want to work sooner, this could be a great option.

You learn a trade (e.g., electrician, chef, carpenter, IT-supporter), often combining school and paid apprenticeships.

Recommendation:

If you enjoy practical tasks and already have a strong interest in a profession, consider this. You can even combine it with **EUX**, which gives both vocational training and academic qualifications.

3. International or Bilingual Pathways



Given your Dutch background and fluency in Danish, you could consider international schools (like IB -International Baccalaureate) or bilingual education.

Recommendation:

If you're interested in studying or working internationally later, or want a more global education, the IB might be ideal. It's demanding but very respected abroad.

How to Decide?

Here are some guiding questions:

- Do you enjoy academic subjects like literature, math, history, or science? → **Gymnasiale** uddannelser (e.g., STX, HTX)
- Do you prefer doing practical work and learning by doing? → **EUD or EUX**
- Are you interested in business and marketing? → HHX
- Want an internationally recognized diploma? → **IB**

Final Tips:

- Visit education fairs (uddannelsesmesser) or school open houses to get a feel.
- Talk to a **UU-vejleder** (educational guidance counselor) they can help based on your grades and interests.
- Look into **combining Danish and Dutch strengths** maybe study abroad later using your cultural background.

If you tell me what subjects or careers you're interested in, I can give you a more specific recommendation.