

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Panama. 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 excellent that you're thinking seriously about your next steps already. In Denmark, after finishing primary school (**folkeskole**), you typically have a few main options depending on your interests, strengths, and future goals. Since you're 16, you're at the perfect age to choose one of these.

Here are your main educational options, explained clearly:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

These are general academic programs that prepare you for university.

Main types:

- **STX** – General upper secondary school: Broad subjects including sciences, humanities, and social sciences.
- **HHX** – Focus on business, economics, and international trade.
- **HTX** – Focus on technology and natural sciences.
- **HF** – Shorter (2 years), more practical/academic mix; good if you prefer smaller classes and a slightly more adult environment.

Recommended if:

You enjoy academic subjects and think you might want to go to university one day. If you're curious about many topics and want to keep your options open, **STX** is usually a good choice. If you're more into tech or science, **HTX** is better. If you're business-minded, **HHX** might suit you.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education & Training – EUD)

These are practical programs that combine school and apprenticeship in a workplace.

You learn a trade (e.g., carpenter, electrician, chef, healthcare assistant) and typically start working while still studying.

Recommended if:

You prefer hands-on learning and are motivated by working in the real world rather than sitting in a classroom all day. You can also continue to higher education afterward if you choose the **EUX** path (which combines vocational training with upper secondary academic subjects).

3. Other Options:

- **10th Grade:** Optional extra year before upper secondary. Good if you want more time to decide or strengthen your academic level.
- **International Baccalaureate (IB):** If you're interested in an international career or university abroad, the IB might be a great fit. It's in English and internationally recognized.

What to Consider When Choosing:

- Do you enjoy academic subjects (reading, writing, analyzing)?
- Do you prefer working with your hands or practical tasks?
- Do you have a clear career idea, or do you want to explore?
- Would you like to study abroad one day?
- How do you learn best – through theory or practice?

My Personal Advice (Based on What You Shared):

Since you're fluent in Danish, were born in Denmark, and just finished primary school here, you're in a good position to choose any Danish upper secondary education. If you're still unsure about a long-term career, **STX or HF** can keep doors open. If you enjoy technology or science, **HTX** is excellent. If you're curious about trades or want to start earning earlier, **EUD** or **EUX** are solid options.

If you're considering studying internationally in the future (maybe even in Panama or another country), the **IB** could be very valuable too.

If you want, you can tell me more about:

- Your favorite subjects
 - Hobbies or interests
 - Whether you like school or prefer hands-on work
- And I can help you narrow it down further.