

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Guinea-Bissau. 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 great that you've completed primary school and are thinking seriously about your next steps—this is a really important time for planning your future. Since you're in Denmark and just finished primary school (typically around 9th or 10th grade), here are the main educational options available to you:

Your Main Options After Primary School in Denmark

1. **Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education – Academic Path)**

If you're interested in further academic study (like university), this is a strong option.

- **STX (Alment Gymnasium)** – General upper secondary school with a broad mix of subjects (humanities, science, social studies).
- **HHX (Handelsgymnasium)** – Focus on business, economics, and languages.
- **HTX (Teknisk Gymnasium)** – Focus on science, technology, and IT.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseseksamen)** – Shorter, 2-year program often used for university college or professions like nursing or teaching.

✓ *Best if you enjoy school subjects and want to keep doors open for university education.*

2. **Erhvervsuddannelser (VET – Vocational Education and Training)**

Combines school with practical training at a company (apprenticeship model).

- Includes trades like electrician, carpenter, mechanic, hairdresser, healthcare worker, chef, etc.
- Some programs also include an EUX track: **EUX** combines VET with academic subjects, allowing access to higher education too.

✓ *Great if you're hands-on and want to start working sooner, but still want education.*

3. **10. klasse**

- An optional year to strengthen your grades or decide what you want to do.
- Can be done in a regular school, at a **efterskole**, or with a focus (like sports, design, etc.).

✓ *Useful if you're unsure or want more time to mature and decide.*

👁️ What to Consider When Choosing

- **Interests:** Do you like theory and studying, or prefer doing practical things?
- **Career Goals:** Do you want to go to university someday? Or get a job earlier?
- **Learning Style:** Are you better at sitting in a classroom, or learning by doing?
- **Long-Term Flexibility:** Academic paths give broader options later, but vocational training can lead to quicker job opportunities.

👤 Special Note for You

As someone with roots in Guinea-Bissau and growing up in Denmark, you have a unique multicultural perspective. That can be a big strength in areas like:

- **Social work / education** (e.g., becoming a teacher, social educator)
- **Healthcare** (e.g., nurse, medical assistant)
- **Business and international relations**
- **IT or engineering** (huge demand and well-paid fields in Denmark)

📌 Suggested Path (If You're Still Unsure)

If you're not 100% sure yet what you want:

🧭 **Consider doing 10. klasse (maybe at an efterskole)** to explore different subjects, improve your academic foundation, and find out what you enjoy most.

From there, you can decide whether **gymnasium** or **vocational education (EUD/EUX)** fits best.

If you'd like, I can help you explore **specific schools**, **career ideas**, or even **create a plan based on your strengths and interests**. Want to do that?