

# Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Viet Nam. 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 that! Since you've just finished primary school in Denmark and you're considering your next step, that means you're around the age where most students choose between different **youth education** paths. In Denmark, after primary school (Folkeskole), you generally have **three main directions** to choose from, depending on your interests and future goals:

## 1. Vocational Education and Training (EUD)

**Best if you're interested in practical work and want to start earning earlier.**

- You combine school with internships in real workplaces.
- You can become things like a **mechanic, carpenter, chef, hairdresser, electrician**, etc.
- Takes around 3.5 to 4 years.
- You can still get access to further education later, including short or medium higher education.

✓ **Good if you like hands-on learning and want a job quickly after school.**

## 2. General Upper Secondary Education

There are a few types, but here are the most common:

### a. STX (Studentereksamen)

- The most general/gymnasium-focused path.
- 3 years, includes humanities, science, social studies, and languages.
- Great if you're unsure what you want yet or are thinking about university later.

### b. HTX (Technical Upper Secondary)

- Focus on science and technology.
- Good if you're into IT, engineering, biology, or innovation.

### c. HHX (Business Upper Secondary)

- Focus on economics, business, and international studies.

- Great if you're interested in business, trade, or working internationally.

✓ **Good if you're thinking about university later or want a broader education.**

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### **3. Alternative/Education with a Focus**

- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination):** A 2-year program, often chosen if you didn't go directly into upper secondary or want a shorter academic path.
- **IB (International Baccalaureate):** An English-language high school diploma, good if you're thinking globally or might move abroad for studies.

✓ **Good if you want international opportunities or a shorter path.**

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### **Some Questions to Ask Yourself:**

1. **Do you like academic study or more hands-on work?**
  2. **Do you have a dream job or interest yet?**
  3. **Do you want to go to university later?**
  4. **Do you enjoy working with people, technology, business, or creating things?**
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### **A Recommendation (based on what you've told me):**

Since you're fluent in Danish, born and raised in Denmark, and have the cultural background from Vietnam too, you could go in several strong directions. If you're **not yet sure what you want**, I'd suggest going for **STX** or **HTX**:

- **STX** if you like a broad education and are curious about different topics.
- **HTX** if you're more into science, IT, or tech.

That way, you keep your options open for the future—whether that's university or something else.

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If you want, I can help you think through your interests and suggest a more personal path. Do you know what subjects or types of work you enjoy most right now?