

Uddannelsesvalg efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Zimbabwe. 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! Since you've just finished primary school in Denmark (which typically ends at 9th or 10th grade depending on the path), your next step would be to choose a **youth education** program, which prepares you for either a job or further education.

Here are the main options available in Denmark and how to choose the best fit for you:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General upper secondary education)

These programs prepare you for university and other higher education.

Types:

- **STX (Studentereksamen)** – General academic focus (humanities, sciences, social sciences).
- **HHX (Handelsskolen)** – Focus on business and economics.
- **HTX (Teknisk gymnasium)** – Focus on technology and science.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseseksamen)** – Shorter, 2-year academic program, often used if you prefer a more practical/less exam-heavy path.

Good if you:

- Like academic subjects.
- Might want to go to university.
- Are unsure and want to keep many doors open.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational education and training - EUD)

These combine school and apprenticeship (praktik) and lead to a job as a skilled worker.

Examples:

- Electrician
- Carpenter

- Hairdresser
- IT supporter
- Social- and health assistant (SOSU)

Good if you:

- Prefer hands-on learning.
- Want to start earning sooner.
- Have a clear interest in a profession.



3. EUX (Hybrid: Vocational + Academic)

This combines a vocational education with academic subjects so you can both get a skilled job and have the option to go to university.

Good if you:

- Are ambitious.
- Want a job-ready qualification *and* the option to study further.



What should YOU consider?

Since you're fluent in Danish and raised in Denmark, you have full access to all the educational paths. Your Zimbabwean background might also give you unique strengths like multilingual skills, cultural understanding, and resilience.

Ask yourself:

- Do I like school and studying, or do I prefer practical, hands-on tasks?
- Do I want to go to university one day?
- Are there subjects (like science, business, health, or arts) that I really enjoy?



My personal suggestion (based on your stage):

If you're open to academics and still exploring your interests, **STX** or **HHX** might be a good place to start. They keep many doors open.

But if you already know you want to work with your hands or in a specific trade, **EUD** or **EUX** are fantastic, respected paths in Denmark that also offer good job opportunities.

Would you like help narrowing it down based on your interests or what subjects you enjoy most?