

Uddannelsesvalg efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from North Korea. 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—you're at an exciting point in your life with many possibilities ahead. Since you've just finished primary school in Denmark and you're fluent in Danish, you have access to a wide range of educational options.

In Denmark, after **folkeskole (primary/lower secondary school)**, most students choose between a few common paths depending on their interests, strengths, and career goals. Here's a breakdown to help you think through your next step:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

This is the academic path and best suited if you think you might want to go to university in the future.

Main options:

- **STX (Studentereksamen)** – Broad academic program with humanities, social sciences, and sciences.
- **HHX (Handelsskolen)** – Focus on business, economics, and marketing.
- **HTX (Teknisk gymnasium)** – Focus on science, technology, and IT.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseseksamen)** – A 2-year program for those who want a shorter path or didn't take the traditional 10th year.

✓ Choose this if you:

- Enjoy academic subjects.
- Are considering university or higher education.
- Want to keep your options open.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – EUD)

This is more hands-on and job-focused. You learn a trade or profession, like electrician, chef, hairdresser, mechanic, or health care assistant.

✓ Choose this if you:

- Prefer practical learning.
- Want to start working sooner.
- Are interested in a specific job or trade.

You can later specialize or even continue to higher education if you choose the **EUX**, which combines vocational training with academic studies.

3. Other paths

Depending on your interests, you can also consider:

- **10th grade:** Some students take a 10th year to mature, improve grades, or explore interests.
- **Efterskole or højskole:** Great for personal development, especially if you're looking to grow socially, explore new interests, or gain independence.
- **International education:** If you want a more global experience or consider studying abroad later.

Advice Based on Your Background

Given that:

- You're fluent in Danish.
- You've completed Danish primary school.
- You come from a North Korean background (which may influence cultural expectations or your personal identity journey).

Here's a thoughtful path you might consider:

- **STX** if you're not sure yet what you want to do and want flexibility.
- **HTX** if you enjoy science/technology and see yourself in engineering, IT, or health tech.
- **HHX** if you're interested in business or international work (you might even build a bridge between Danish and Asian cultures!).

Also, if you're curious about social issues, language, or international relations (possibly inspired by your cultural roots), those could be areas to explore in STX.

Final Tips:

- Visit the schools and attend their "**brobygning**" programs or open house days.
- Talk to a **UU-vejleder (youth guidance counselor)** – they're trained to help you figure this out based on your interests and strengths.
- Choose a path that motivates you—not just what others expect.

Would you like help making a short list of schools or study programs near where you live?