

# Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Algeria. 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?

Thank you for sharing a bit about yourself — that helps a lot.

Since you've just finished primary school in Denmark (which usually means *folkeskole* up to 9th or 10th grade), your next steps will depend on your interests, strengths, and future ambitions. I'll give you a quick overview of the main options in the Danish education system, with a bit of advice for each:

## 1 Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education / High School)

If you enjoy academic subjects and may consider university later on.

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen)**
  - Broad academic focus: languages, social sciences, natural sciences.
  - Good if you're not sure what you want to study yet, but want to keep options open.
- **HHX (Handelsskole)**
  - Business, economics, marketing, languages.
  - Good if you're interested in trade, business, or finance.
- **HTX (Teknisk gymnasium)**
  - Technology, natural sciences, IT.
  - Great if you like STEM subjects (math, tech, science).
- **HF (Højere forberedelseseksamen)**
  - Shorter (2 years), more practically oriented.
  - Often used if you want to move more quickly toward a professional education.

## 2 Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - VET)

If you're more interested in learning a trade and starting work sooner:

- Practical training combined with school.
- Examples: electrician, carpenter, chef, hairdresser, IT-supporter, etc.
- You can also do *EUX* which combines VET with a more academic degree, allowing you to go to university later.

### 3 Other paths

- **International Baccalaureate (IB):** If you like English and want an international option.
- **Private or specialized schools:** e.g. creative schools, sports colleges, etc.

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### A few personal considerations for you:

- Since you're fluent in Danish and have a multicultural background, you could also think about careers where language and culture are useful: international business, diplomacy, education, etc.
- If you enjoy school and want as many options as possible later, STX or HHX are often safe choices.
- If you prefer hands-on, practical learning, VET or EUX can be very strong paths — and Denmark really values skilled trades.
- If you're unsure: it's totally fine. Many young Danes try a year at *efterskole* or take guidance counseling before deciding.

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### 👉 My general recommendation (if you don't have a strong preference yet):

You might consider **STX** or **HHX** — they both give you broad options and you can specialize more as you find your interests.

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If you tell me a bit more — like:

- What subjects you enjoy
- Whether you like practical or theoretical learning
- If you want to study at university later
- Any dream jobs you have

— then I can give you a much more tailored suggestion. Shall we?