

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Malta. 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 context, thank you! Since you're 16, just finished primary school (probably meaning **folkeskolen**, 9th or 10th grade), and you're fluent in Danish, here's a breakdown of the main educational options in Denmark after primary school—and some guidance based on different interests and goals.

1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

These are aimed at students who want to pursue **higher education** (university or similar). There are four main types:

STX – Alment Gymnasium

- Focus: Academic subjects (Danish, languages, history, sciences, social studies)
- Good if: You're not sure exactly what you want to study later but want options
- Duration: 3 years

HTX – Teknisk Gymnasium

- Focus: Science, technology, engineering, math
- Good if: You enjoy science, computers, or technical subjects
- Duration: 3 years

HHX – Handelsgymnasium

- Focus: Business, economics, marketing, languages
- Good if: You're interested in business, entrepreneurship, or working internationally
- Duration: 3 years

HF – Højere Forberedelseksamen

- Focus: More flexible, often shorter
- Good if: You want a faster path (2 years) or a more practical setup, often used for entry into professions like teaching, nursing, or social work

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education – EUD/EGU)

- Focus: Hands-on training for specific jobs (e.g., electrician, chef, carpenter, health care)
- You split time between school and apprenticeships (praktik)
- Good if: You prefer practical learning and want to enter the job market faster
- Duration: Usually 3–4 years

There are also **EUX programs** that combine vocational training with subjects from gymnasiet—so you can work *and* still go to university later if you want.

Bonus Options

International Baccalaureate (IB)

- Taught in English
- Great if you're thinking of studying abroad or want an international education
- Can be found in several Danish cities

Private or Specialized Schools

- e.g. creative schools (film, design), boarding schools (efterskole, højskole)

What To Consider:

Ask yourself:

- Do I enjoy academic learning or more practical work?
- Do I want to go to university later?
- Do I have a specific job or interest in mind (e.g. IT, health care, business)?
- Would I enjoy a more hands-on environment or prefer classroom learning?

Recommendations Based on Interests:

If you like...	Consider...
Science, tech, innovation	HTX or EUX technical track
Business, finance, languages	HHX or IB
General studies, keeping doors open	STX
Helping people, practical work	EUD (health or social care)
Creating things with your hands	EUD (crafts, construction, cooking)
A shorter academic path	HF

If you tell me more about what **interests you** (subjects, career ideas, lifestyle), I can help narrow it down even more.