

# Uddannelsesvalg efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Türkiye. 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 a very important moment in your life, and it's great that you're already thinking about your future education.

In Denmark, after finishing **primary school (folkeskolen)**, you typically choose one of these main paths, depending on your interests, strengths, and future goals:

## ♦ 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

If you're interested in continuing with academics and possibly going to university later, this is a good choice. There are several types:

### STX (Studentereksamen)

- Focus: Broad academic subjects (science, humanities, social sciences).
- Good for: Keeping doors open to university studies.
- Duration: 3 years.

### HHX (Higher Commercial Examination)

- Focus: Business, economics, and international trade.
- Good for: Business-related university or careers.
- Duration: 3 years.

### HTX (Higher Technical Examination)

- Focus: Science, technology, engineering.
- Good for: Technical or science university programs.
- Duration: 3 years.

### HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)

- Focus: A bit shorter and more flexible than STX.
- Good for: More practical or focused university paths.
- Duration: 2 years (often after a 10th school year).

## ♦ 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education & Training – EUD)

If you want to **learn a trade and start working sooner**, this could be the right track.

- Focus: Becoming a skilled worker (electrician, carpenter, chef, hairdresser, mechanic, etc.).
  - Often includes both **school and apprenticeship**.
  - Duration: 2–5 years, depending on the profession.
  - You can also combine it with **EUX**, which gives you a qualification for university too.
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## ♦ 3. 10th Grade

If you're unsure or want more time to decide, **10th grade** is optional in Denmark and can help you:

- Improve grades
- Get clearer on your future path
- Mature a bit more before choosing

Some people also use 10th grade to focus on a subject like math, Danish, or English if they want to qualify for a specific upper secondary program.

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## ✅ How to Choose?

Here are a few questions to help you decide:

- Do you enjoy schoolwork and academic subjects?
  - Do you have a dream job or field already (e.g. doctor, engineer, businessperson, mechanic)?
  - Do you prefer practical, hands-on learning or classroom study?
  - Are you thinking about going to university?
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## 💬 My Advice (Based on What You've Said)

Since you've just finished primary school, are fluent in Danish, and likely have the cultural flexibility from your Turkish background, **you have many strong options**.

- If you're **open to more academic studies**, **STX** or **HHX** could be great choices, depending on your interests.
  - If you prefer something **more hands-on** but still want the chance to study later, **EUX** gives you the best of both worlds.
  - If you're **unsure**, **10th grade** can be a smart move to explore options and mature your thinking.
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If you tell me a bit more about your **interests**, **strengths**, or **career dreams**, I can help recommend a more specific path!