

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Mozambique. 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 a bit about yourself — that helps give good, grounded advice. Since you've just finished primary school in Denmark (which goes up to 9th or 10th grade, depending on your track), the next step typically depends on your interests, strengths, and goals.

Here are your main options in the Danish education system after primary school:

1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education – Academic)

This is the most common path if you're aiming for university later on.

The three main types:

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen)** – Broad academic focus (humanities, sciences, social sciences). Good if you're unsure or want a wide range of options later.
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen)** – Focus on business, economics, and marketing. Great if you're interested in commerce or starting your own business.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen)** – Focus on technology, science, and engineering. Ideal if you like math, IT, or science.

✓ Good for you if:

You enjoy academic subjects, are considering university, or want a broader foundation.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – EUD)

This leads to a skilled trade or profession. It combines school with practical apprenticeships (arbejdspraktik).

Examples:

- Electrician, carpenter, mechanic, chef, hairdresser, health care assistant.
- You can later add a **EUX** track if you also want a path to university.

✓ Good for you if:

You prefer hands-on learning, want to start working sooner, or like practical skills.

3. Other Paths

- **10th grade** – Optional, but useful if you want more time to decide, improve your grades, or get ready for gymnasium or EUD.
- **IB (International Baccalaureate)** – If you're academically strong and want an international angle (taught in English).
- **Efterskole** – A one-year boarding school for personal and social development, often with a special focus (sports, music, arts, etc.). Great for growing personally and trying new things.

What You Should Consider:

- **What are your interests?** Are you drawn to science, people, hands-on work, business, or arts?
- **How do you learn best?** Do you prefer books and theory, or doing things in real life?
- **Do you want to go to university?** If yes, then gymnasiale uddannelser are usually required.

Examples Based on Your Background:

- If you're curious about global affairs or want to give back to communities (in Denmark or Mozambique), **STX with social science** focus or **IB** might be good.
- If you're practical and enjoy working with your hands, maybe an **EUD with EUX** to keep university as an option.
- If you're into tech, **HTX** could be a great fit — especially with Denmark's strong tech job market.

My Suggestion:

If you're not totally sure yet, going to **10th grade** or choosing a **broad STX** program might be the safest move — it keeps your options open while you explore more about yourself. Talk to your **UU-vejleder (youth guidance counselor)** too — they can help you with specific schools and career options near you.

Would you like help narrowing it down based on your interests or hobbies?