

Uddannelsesvalg efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Laos. 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! Since you're 16, fluent in Danish, and just finished primary school (which in Denmark likely means *folkeskole* or 9th/10th grade), you're at an important decision point. In Denmark, you now have several paths to choose from depending on your interests, strengths, and future goals.

Here's a breakdown of your main options:

1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

If you're academically inclined or want to keep your options open for university:

- **STX (Alment Gymnasium)** – Broad, general education. Good if you're interested in subjects like languages, humanities, social sciences, or natural sciences.
- **HHX (Handelsskole)** – Focuses on business, economics, and international trade. Great if you like numbers, business, or want to work in a company later.
- **HTX (Teknisk Gymnasium)** – Focus on technology, science, and IT. Good for future engineers, technicians, or scientists.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseseksamen)** – Shorter (2 years), more practice-oriented. Suitable if you want to get to a profession or specific higher education quickly.

✓ **Recommended if:** You want to go to university, you're not yet sure what to do, or you enjoy studying a variety of subjects.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - EUD)

This is a more hands-on path that combines school with practical training in a company.

- Examples: electrician, carpenter, chef, hairdresser, mechanic, social and health care, etc.
- You can start directly after 9th or 10th grade.
- These programs often lead directly to a job, but some also offer pathways to further education.

✓ **Recommended if:** You like practical work, want to start earning money sooner, or have a specific job in mind.

3. Kombinationsuddannelser (EUX)

This is a mix of gymnasium and vocational education.

- You get both a vocational qualification **and** a general upper secondary exam.
- It's more demanding but gives you the most flexibility.

✓ **Recommended if:** You want a job qualification but still want the option to go to university later.

Cultural Note

Since your parents are from Laos, you may also have strong cultural ties that shape your interests or future plans. That could include:

- Interest in international studies or working with immigrant communities.
 - Combining your cultural background with education in language, social work, or international business.
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My Recommendation

If you're unsure but want to keep your options open:

Consider STX or EUX – especially if you're doing well in school and like a mix of academic and practical work.

If you already know you enjoy working with your hands or want to get into a trade:

Look into EUD programs – there are many well-paid and respected professions.

Next Steps:

1. **Visit an "UU-vejledning" (Ungdommens Uddannelsesvejledning)** – They help young people choose education paths.
 2. **Talk to your teachers or school counselor** – They know your strengths and can guide you.
 3. **Go to "Åbent Hus" (Open House) events** at schools to get a feel for different programs.
 4. **Try short internships (praktik)** – even 1–2 weeks can help you know what you like.
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If you tell me more about your interests (like subjects you enjoy, what kind of job you imagine, or what you're good at), I can give you a more personalized suggestion.