

# Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Solomon Islands. 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 that you've finished primary school and are already thinking about your future. In Denmark, after primary school (folkeskole), you typically have several education paths to choose from, depending on your interests, strengths, and career goals. Since you're 16 and fluent in Danish, here are the main options, with pros and cons tailored to your situation:

## 1. Gymnasium (STX, HHX, HTX) – Academic Upper Secondary Education

**Duration:** 3 years

**Goal:** Prepares you for university or other higher education

**Types:**

- **STX** (Alment gymnasium) – general subjects like Danish, history, science, languages.
- **HHX** – business and economics focus.
- **HTX** – technology, science, and innovation focus.

**Best for you if:**

- You enjoy academic subjects.
- You might want to go to university later.
- You're still exploring different interests.

**Pros:**

- Keeps all doors open for higher education.
- Recognized and respected path.

**Cons:**

- More theoretical; not very hands-on.

## 2. Erhvervsuddannelse (EUD) – Vocational Education and Training

**Duration:** 2-5 years (depends on the program)

**Goal:** Leads to a skilled trade or job (e.g., carpenter, electrician, chef, hairdresser, health care worker)

**Best for you if:**

- You prefer learning by doing.
- You want to work sooner or have a practical career.
- You like hands-on tasks.

**Pros:**

- Paid internships during education.
- Good job opportunities, even internationally.
- Pathways to further education later (e.g., EUX or vocational bachelor).

**Cons:**

- More specialized; harder to switch paths later.
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### 3. EUX – Vocational + Academic Hybrid

**Duration:** ~4 years

**Goal:** Gives you both a vocational qualification and a gymnasium-level education

**Best for you if:**

- You want both job skills and the option to go to university.
- You're willing to work hard – it's demanding.

**Pros:**

- Combines best of both worlds.
- More flexible future options.

**Cons:**

- Challenging workload.
  - Limited program options compared to STX/HHX/HTX.
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### Bonus Option: Efterskole or International Experience

Consider taking 1 year at an **efterskole** (a boarding school for teens) if:

- You want a break to explore your interests.
- You want to build confidence or social skills.
- You want to study something creative, sports-related, or international.

This can be a great bridge year and help you decide what to do next.

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### Questions to Ask Yourself:

- Do I enjoy academic learning or more hands-on tasks?

- Do I want to start working earlier or continue studying?
  - Am I interested in science, business, creative fields, or helping people?
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### **My Suggestion (Based on What You Shared):**

Since you're fluent in Danish, born in Denmark, and presumably did well in school:

- If you're still exploring your interests: **Start with STX or HHX.**
- If you already have a strong interest in a trade or career: **EUD or EUX could be great.**
- If you're unsure or need time: **Take a year at an efterskole** focused on something that inspires you.

Would you like help picking between STX, HHX, HTX, or vocational routes based on your favorite subjects or career ideas?