

# Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Portugal. 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 your background! Since you're 16, just finished primary school in Denmark, and are fluent in Danish, you're at a great point to think about your future. Denmark offers several educational paths after primary school (typically after **9th or 10th grade**), so let's look at your options and how they might align with your goals and interests.

#### Main Education Paths in Denmark After Primary School

# 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These prepare you for university and higher education.

- STX (Studentereksamen) Focus on academic subjects like languages, science, social studies.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination Programme)** Focus on business, economics, and marketing.
- HTX (Higher Technical Examination Programme) Focus on technology, natural sciences, IT.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)** A shorter, 2-year program that is often more practical.

#### Best for you if:

You enjoy academic studies and might want to go to university in Denmark or abroad.

## 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - VET)

These combine school and work training (praktik), preparing you for a job directly or further education.

#### Examples:

- Electrician
- Carpenter
- IT Supporter
- Health care worker
- Chef

#### Best for you if:

You prefer hands-on learning and want to enter the job market more quickly.



## 3. EUX (A combination of VET and academic studies)

- You get both a vocational qualification and a study competence (like STX).
- Takes a bit longer, but gives you the flexibility to work or study further.

#### Best for you if:

You want practical skills **and** the option to go to university later.

#### Bonus: Portuguese Background

Being of Portuguese descent and fluent in Danish can be a strength. You might consider:

- Studying international subjects (like IB or HHX).
- Using your language skills in business, translation, tourism, or international relations.

# ? Some Questions to Ask Yourself

To narrow it down:

- Do you enjoy academic study (e.g. reading, writing, theoretical subjects)?
- Are you more practical and hands-on?
- Do you want to go to university?
- Are you interested in business, science, tech, or creative subjects?

### My Suggestion (If You're Open to University Later)

Since you're fluent in Danish, born in Denmark, and just finished primary school:

- If you're academically inclined, STX or HHX are great options.
- If you're interested in tech or engineering, HTX could be ideal.
- If you like working with your hands, but still want university options, EUX is a strong choice.

Would you like help figuring out what program fits your interests more specifically? If you tell me what subjects you like or what careers interest you, I can give you a more tailored recommendation.