

Uddannelsesmuligheder i Danmark



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Japan. 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 seriously about your future! Since you're 16 and living in Denmark, you have several options depending on your interests, strengths, and goals. Here's a breakdown of the main educational paths after **Folkeskole (primary and lower secondary school)** in Denmark, and some guidance based on different scenarios:

1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

If you're considering university or want a more academic route, this is probably the most common next step.

Main types:

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen)** – General and broad; good for university preparation in many areas.
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen)** – Focused on business, economics, and marketing.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen)** – Focused on science, technology, and engineering.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseksamen)** – Shorter (2 years), more practical/alternative to STX, often used by students who want to change direction later.

Recommended if you:

- Like academic work (writing, theory, reading).
- Are possibly interested in going to university.
- Are still figuring out what career path you want.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education & Training, EUD)

These combine school with apprenticeship-style training in a real job.

Examples:

- Carpenter, electrician, chef, graphic designer, social and health care worker.

Recommended if you:

- Prefer practical, hands-on work.

- Want to start working and earning sooner.
- Have a clear idea of a trade you're interested in.

3. Kreative eller internationale skoler

Some students choose to go to schools that focus on **arts, design, media, or international education**.

Options:

- Design schools, film/TV/media schools (usually after other education).
- International Baccalaureate (IB) – in English, internationally recognized.

Recommended if you:

- Want to work or study internationally.
- Are interested in creative fields or want an English-language path.

Bonus: Leveraging Your Japanese Background


You have a unique cultural and linguistic heritage. If you speak any Japanese or are willing to learn more:

- **Consider using Japanese in your future career:** translation, international business, diplomacy, or even tech/engineering with Japan-based companies.
- Some international companies really value **bilingual and bicultural people** like you.

My Recommendation for You (Based on What You've Shared):

Since you:

- Are fluent in Danish,
- Were born and raised in Denmark,
- Have just finished primary school,
- And (likely) want to keep your options open,

 **STX or IB** might be your best next step. It's broad and keeps the door open to university, while allowing time to explore different subjects. If you're strong in English and want more of an international experience, the **IB (International Baccalaureate)** is also a great option – and could connect well with your Japanese background if you want to study or work abroad later.

Questions to Reflect On:

- Do you enjoy academic subjects like science, history, languages?
- Do you prefer hands-on learning, or reading/writing/thinking?
- Are you curious about university in Denmark or abroad (Japan, Europe, US)?

- Are there any careers you already find interesting?

I can help you narrow things down more if you tell me your interests and what you're curious about!