

# Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from The United Arab Emirates. 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 that—it's great that you're thinking ahead about your next steps. Since you've just finished primary school in Denmark (typically ending around 9th or 10th grade, depending on the system), you're likely choosing between different **youth education programs** now. Here's a clear overview of your main options and what each might suit, based on your background, skills, and future goals.

## 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These programs prepare you for **higher education (university or academy)**. They're a good choice if you enjoy academic subjects and think you might want to study further after youth education.

### Options:

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen)** – Broad and academic, with a mix of science, humanities, and social studies.
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen)** – Focuses on business, economics, and international trade.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen)** – Focuses on technology, science, and engineering.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseksamen)** – Shorter (2 years), often used by students who want a faster path to higher education.

### Recommended if:

You're curious, motivated academically, and possibly interested in careers like medicine, law, engineering, teaching, international relations, or business.

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

This is a practical path where you **learn a trade and get work experience**—often with a paid apprenticeship (læreplads).

### Examples:

- Electrician, mechanic, carpenter, chef, hairdresser, social and healthcare worker (SOSU), etc.

#### 👉 Recommended if:

You like hands-on work, want to start earning earlier, or have a clear trade in mind. You can always take further education later (like **EUX** – see below).

### ⚙️ 3. **EUX – A combination of EUD and gymnasial education**

This is a **dual path**: you get both a vocational training **and** a general upper secondary education. It gives you **access to university** while preparing you for a job.

#### 👉 Recommended if:

You're interested in a practical job but also want to **keep your academic options open**. This can be demanding but offers flexibility.

### 🕒 Other things to think about:

- **What subjects interest you?** Do you enjoy science, languages, business, art, or working with your hands?
- **Do you want to go to university later?** If yes, then STX, HHX, HTX, HF, or EUX are better.
- **Do you want to start working sooner?** Then EUD or EUX are great options.
- **Are you good with people?** Social or healthcare paths (like SOSU) could be rewarding.

#### 💡 Tip:

It's totally okay not to have everything figured out right now. Many students switch paths or take a "10. klasse" (optional year to prepare more), or even a **efterskole** to explore their identity, interests, and independence.

If you'd like, I can help you:

- Compare two or more of these options
- Match your interests or strengths with the right path
- Explore careers that might suit your bilingual and multicultural background

Would you like to go deeper into any of these?