

# Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Zambia. 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 seriously about your next step. In Denmark, after finishing **primary school (folkeskole)** around age 15-16, you have several good options depending on your interests, strengths, and career goals.

Here are the **main paths you can consider**:

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

If you're interested in going to university later, this is often the way to go.

### Options:

- **STX (Studentereksamen):** Focuses on a mix of science, humanities, and languages. Broad and academic.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination):** Focus on business, economics, and marketing. Great if you're into entrepreneurship or business.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination):** Focus on science, technology, and IT. Ideal if you like engineering, biology, or computers.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination):** Shorter (2 years), more practical and flexible. Good for adult learners or if you're unsure about a full 3-year program.

#### ♦ Why choose this path?

- Keeps university doors open
- Good for careers in health, law, business, science, or humanities

## 🔧 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – EUD)

These programs prepare you for a specific trade or profession (electrician, chef, mechanic, healthcare assistant, etc.).

- Usually 2–5 years depending on the type and includes both school and paid apprenticeship.
- Can also lead to **EUX**, a combined vocational + academic program (you can still go to university after it).

#### ♦ Why choose this path?

- You want to work with your hands or start earning earlier
- You're more into practical learning than classroom theory

### 3. 10. klasse (Optional 10th Grade)

You might choose this if you:

- Want more time to decide
- Want to improve grades before applying for gymnasium or EUD
- Prefer a more relaxed or hands-on year (efterskole is also an option)

### ✨ What to consider before choosing:

- **Your interests:** Do you like science, people, business, tech, or arts?
- **Your goals:** Do you want to go to university? Start working sooner? Start a business?
- **Your strengths:** Are you more academic or more hands-on?

### Personal recommendation (based on what you've shared):

Since you're fluent in Danish, born in Denmark, and just finished primary school, you're well integrated and have many options open.

Here's a potential suggestion:

- If you're not 100% sure what you want to do yet, consider **10. klasse** (perhaps in an **efterskole** focused on something you enjoy).
- If you're more academically inclined, consider **STX** or **HTX** (especially if you're into science or tech).
- If you're interested in working earlier and learning a skill, look into **EUD or EUX**.

Would you like help figuring out what you're most interested in? I can ask a few questions to guide you further if you want.