

# Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Iceland. 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?

Great — thank you for giving me a bit of background, that helps a lot. You're actually in a really good position with both Danish and Icelandic background, and being fluent in Danish gives you full access to the Danish educational system. Since you're 16 and just finished primary school (probably 9th or 10th grade), you're now choosing between a few typical paths in Denmark. Let me outline the main ones, and then we can talk a bit about what might fit you best:

## 1 Gymnasium (STX, HHX, HTX, or HF) — General Upper Secondary Education

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen):** Broad, academic, with focus on humanities, science, and social studies. Good if you want to keep many doors open for university later.
- **HHX (Handelsgymnasium):** Focuses on business, economics, and international studies. A good fit if you're interested in business, management, marketing, or finance.
- **HTX (Teknisk gymnasium):** More technical and science-oriented. Perfect if you enjoy natural sciences, IT, engineering, or technology.
- **HF:** Shorter (2 years), more practical and flexible — often used if you're unsure or want to get to higher education quicker.

## 2 Vocational Education (EUD / EUX)

- Much more practical, prepares you directly for a profession or trade.
- EUX combines vocational training with a higher academic level, so you can both learn a trade *and* qualify for higher education.
- EUD is more focused on direct job training (for example, carpenter, electrician, chef, healthcare assistant, etc.)

## 3 International or Nordic Options

- Since you have Icelandic roots, there are possibilities like:
  - Going to high school or boarding school (efterskole) in Denmark or Iceland.
  - Nordic exchange programs later.
- Iceland and Denmark have strong cooperation, and being bilingual is a big advantage if you ever want to study or work in Iceland later.

## 4 Alternative paths

- **Efterskole:** A 10th grade year where you get to mature, explore interests, meet new people.
- **Folk high schools (højskole):** Later option — not usually right after primary school, but a good personal development year before higher education.

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## Now: What should *you* choose?

It depends a bit on:

- Are you more interested in **academic subjects**, **practical work**, or **technical fields**?
- Do you have any sense of your **career interests** (engineering, business, healthcare, design, etc)?
- Do you want to keep as many doors open as possible for university later, or are you more interested in getting into work sooner?

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👉 **If you tell me a little bit about what you enjoy (your subjects, hobbies, or career ideas), I can give you a much more tailored recommendation.**

Shall we?