

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskolen



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

Thank you for sharing a bit about your background — that helps. You're actually in quite a good position: you're fluent in Danish, you have a Nordic background, and you're still very young, so you have a lot of flexibility ahead of you.

Let's look at your options after primary school in Denmark:

The most common paths at your age:

1. Gymnasium (STX, HHX, HTX, HF)

- **STX (Alment gymnasium):** General upper secondary school, broad academic focus. Prepares you for university studies. Very good if you're not yet sure what you want to study.
- **HHX (Handelsskolen):** Business-oriented. Focus on economics, marketing, languages, international studies.
- **HTX (Teknisk gymnasium):** Technical and science-oriented. Great if you like technology, IT, engineering, or science.
- **HF:** A bit shorter (2 years), more practical, and often used as a second chance pathway or for people who want to go directly into certain professions or higher education quickly.

2. Vocational Education (EUD / EUX)

- You combine practical training with school. Good if you want to become a skilled worker (electrician, carpenter, chef, etc.).
- **EUX** allows you to get both a vocational education and a general upper secondary diploma at the same time.

3. International options

- You might consider International Baccalaureate (IB) if you're good at English and want something that can open doors internationally — this can also leverage your Finnish background if you might want to study abroad one day.

4. Take a sabbatical or 10th grade (efterskole, 10. klasse, højskole)

- Many Danes take a year in 10th grade or efterskole to mature, travel, or explore interests before committing to upper secondary school.

My recommendation (general, but tailored to your case):

Since you're fluent in Danish and probably well integrated into Danish society, I'd suggest:

- If you're academically curious: **STX** (broadest and keeps all doors open).
 - If you like business, economics, or languages: **HHX**.
 - If you like science, IT, or technology: **HTX**.
 - If you want something more practical: **EUX** or vocational training.
 - If you're still unsure: consider **10th grade** or **efterskole** — many young Danes find this very valuable.
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Bonus note (because you're Finnish-Danish):

- You might later consider using your Finnish citizenship for free or cheap university study in Finland or elsewhere in the Nordics if you want international experience.
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👉 If you tell me a bit more — e.g. your interests (science, languages, business, practical work, art, etc.) — I can give you a more *specific recommendation*.

Shall we?