

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Guinea-Bissau. 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 you're thinking about your future now. In Denmark, after finishing **primary school (folkeskole)**, you have several solid options depending on your interests, strengths, and goals. Here's a breakdown to help you choose the best path for yourself:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are academic and prepare you for university.

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen):** Broad and academic, with subjects like science, languages, and humanities.
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen):** Focus on business, economics, and international trade.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen):** Focus on technical subjects like technology, science, and IT.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseksamen):** A 2-year general education path, good if you're more mature or want a slightly less intense route.


 Choose this path if:

- You're interested in going to university.
- You like academic subjects and exams.
- You're unsure of a specific career but want to keep your options open.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training / VET)

Hands-on and career-focused; often includes apprenticeship in real companies.

- Examples: Electrician, carpenter, social- and health assistant (SOSU), mechanic, hairdresser, IT-supporter, etc.

 Choose this path if:

- You prefer practical learning and earning while learning.
- You want to start working as a skilled professional earlier.
- You're interested in a specific trade or job field.

3. Kombineret forløb / EGU / Produktionsskole-lignende forløb

If school has been challenging or you're unsure what to do, you can consider:

- **EGU (Erhvervsgrunduddannelse)**: Combines school and internships for a more supportive path.
- **FGU (Forberedende Grunduddannelse)**: For those who need more help getting ready for a job or education.
- These can help you grow confidence, find your interests, and move on to other education.

 Choose this if:

- You're not ready for gymnasium or a vocational program.
- You need more support or want to try different things before choosing.

How to Decide?

Ask yourself these:

- Do I prefer **theory** (books, essays) or **practice** (doing things with hands)?
- Do I want to go to **university** later or start **working sooner**?
- What **subjects or fields** interest me the most?
- Would I enjoy working in **business, tech, healthcare, design, or something else**?

Personal tip:

With your background (bilingual, culturally diverse), you have a unique strength. Whether you go academic or vocational, you could explore fields like:

- **International business or trade** (HHX + university).
- **Healthcare or social work** (SOSU or HF → social work).
- **IT or engineering** (HTX → tech jobs or university).
- **Entrepreneurship** (vocational → starting your own business someday!).

If you want, I can help you make a **comparison chart** or explore a few specific options more deeply. Would you like that?