

# ChatGPT



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

That's great that you've completed primary school and are thinking carefully about your next steps—this is an important time in your life. Since you're 16, you're at the typical age for choosing a **youth education program (ungdomsuddannelse)** in Denmark. Here's a breakdown of your main options, followed by some advice tailored to your situation:

## Your Options in Denmark

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

These are for students who want to go on to higher education (university or professional bachelor programs).

- **STX (Studentereksamen)** – General high school with a broad focus (humanities, sciences, social sciences).
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination)** – Focus on business, economics, and languages.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination)** – Focus on science, technology, and engineering.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)** – Shorter (2-year) program, more practical, often for those who want a quicker path to university or profession.

✓ **Good if:** You enjoy academic subjects, want to go to university later, and are still exploring interests.

### 2. EUD/Erhvervsuddannelse (Vocational Education and Training)

These prepare you for a specific trade or profession (like carpenter, electrician, health care worker, IT specialist, chef, etc.).

- Combines school (technical college) with hands-on work in companies (apprenticeships).
- Usually takes 3–5 years.
- Can lead to jobs right after or even further education via **EUX** or **AMU**.

✓ **Good if:** You prefer hands-on learning, want to start working sooner, or like practical jobs.

### 3. EUX (Vocational + Academic Hybrid)

EUX combines a vocational education with parts of a gymnasium program, so you get both a trade and the right to apply to university.

✓ **Good if:** You're practical but still want the option for higher education later.

## What Should You Choose?

Here's how you might think about it:

### Ask yourself:

1. **What are you most interested in?** (Science, people, tech, business, helping others?)
2. **Do you enjoy studying in a classroom, or would you rather work with your hands?**
3. **Do you think you want to go to university later?**
4. **Are you looking to start working as soon as possible, or are you okay with more years of school?**

## Personal Advice (Based on What You Shared)

Since you:

- Are fluent in Danish,
- Grew up in Denmark but with Afghan roots (which can give you a rich cultural background),
- Just finished primary school (9th or 10th class?),
- Haven't chosen a path yet,

I'd suggest you consider **STX** or **EUX** unless you already have a strong interest in a trade.

### If you enjoy school and want to keep doors open:

→ **STX or HHX** (if you're interested in business)

You'll get a broad education and can go on to university if you want.

### If you're unsure but want both options (work + university):

→ **EUX**

It's a smart hybrid path, and not enough people know about it. You get a trade (e.g., IT-supporter, electrician, business assistant), and the ability to go to university later.

### If you like hands-on work (e.g., tech, mechanics, food, health):

→ **EUD**

This is a great way to start earning and gain real-world experience earlier.

## Next Steps

1. **Talk to an UU-vejleder (youth education counselor)** – They are trained to help you choose.
  2. **Visit open houses or trial days (brobygning)** at local gymnasiums and vocational schools.
  3. **Ask people you trust** (teachers, older students, family members) about their experiences.
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If you want, I can help you compare specific schools near you or give you an overview of career paths (e.g., “What does an IT-supporter or nurse do?”). Just let me know.