

ChatGPT



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Netherlands. 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, thanks for sharing that! Being 16 and having finished primary school in Denmark means you're at a key decision point. Here's a breakdown of your main educational options, based on the Danish system and your background:

Your Main Options in Denmark After Primary School

At your age and stage, the typical next steps are **youth education programs (ungdomsuddannelser)**. You have three main types to choose from:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These programs prepare you for **higher education (university, etc.)**.

♦ STX (Studentereksamen)

- **Broad academic focus** – humanities, science, social science.
- **3 years**, ends with a diploma giving access to university.
- Great if you're unsure what you want to study later but want to keep doors open.

♦ HHX (Higher Commercial Examination)

- Focus on **business, economics, marketing**.
- **3 years**, ends with diploma for business-related university degrees.
- Good if you like commerce or might want to study or work in business.

♦ HTX (Higher Technical Examination)

- Focus on **technology, natural sciences, IT**.
- **3 years** – great if you're into science, engineering, or tech.

♦ HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)

- **2 years**, more flexible.
- Good if you want a shorter program or need an alternative route to university.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training, EUD)

If you prefer **practical skills and a job-oriented path**, this is a great route.

- Combines **school and apprenticeship (praktik)**.
- Fields include: electrician, mechanic, carpenter, chef, health care assistant, etc.
- You get a job qualification, and can **later take further education** if you want.

3. Kombinerede forløb (EUX)

Best of both worlds: **vocational training + general subjects = job AND university access.**

- Example: You train as a carpenter but also take academic courses, so you can go to university later if you want.
- Slightly longer (usually 4–5 years) but very flexible.

A Note on Your Dutch Background

If you or your parents are considering studying or working in the Netherlands in the future:

- The **STX or HHX** diploma is generally recognized for access to Dutch universities (though they may ask for specific subjects).
- You could also consider **taking Dutch language courses** or looking into **international programs** in Denmark or NL.

How to Choose?

Ask yourself:

- Do I enjoy academic work and want to go to university? → STX, HHX, HTX
- Do I like working with my hands or in real-world settings? → EUD or EUX
- Do I want flexibility and to keep many doors open? → STX or EUX
- Do I know what interests me yet? If not, STX or HF can help you explore.

My Recommendation (if you're unsure):

Start by visiting an **educational guidance counselor (studieadviseur)** at your local **UU center (Ungdommens Uddannelsesvejledning)**. They can offer personal advice, open house visits, and internships (brobygning) to try out schools.

If you're academically inclined and want to keep your future options open:

 **STX** is often the safest and most flexible bet.

If you're interested in business:

→ **HHX** might be a better fit.

If you like practical skills or know a trade you're interested in:

→ **EUD** or **EUX** could be perfect.

Want help comparing two specific schools or programs? I can help with that too.