

ChatGPT



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Brazil. 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 that you're thinking seriously about your next steps. Since you've just finished **primary school** in Denmark (likely 9th or 10th grade), your next step would typically be to choose a **youth education program** (ungdomsuddannelse). Denmark offers several options depending on your interests, strengths, and future goals.

Here's a breakdown of your main options:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are academic high school programs that prepare you for university.

Most common types:

- **STX** (*Studentereksamen*) – Broad academic focus (humanities, natural sciences, social sciences).
- **HHX** (*Højere Handelseksamen*) – Focus on business, economics, marketing.
- **HTX** (*Højere Teknisk Eksamen*) – Focus on technology, science, IT.
- **HF** (*Højere Forberedelseseksamen*) – Shorter, 2-year program, more flexible and practical.

✓ Good if:

- You want to go to university or higher education.
- You're strong in academic subjects.
- You enjoy theoretical learning.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – EUD)

This combines school with practical training (apprenticeship) in a company.

Examples:

- Carpenter, electrician, mechanic, chef, hairdresser, healthcare assistant, etc.
- Also includes **EUX** – a hybrid program combining vocational training with the option to continue to university.

✓ Good if:

- You want to start working sooner.
- You like hands-on learning.
- You're interested in skilled trades or professions.

Other Considerations

Since you're bilingual (Danish and likely Portuguese), and possibly interested in cultures or languages, you might consider:

- **STX with a language focus** (good for international careers or studies).
- **HHX** if you're interested in international business, marketing, or economics.
- **Exchange programs** or **boarding schools (efterskole or højskole)** with a global or multicultural focus.

How to Choose?

Ask yourself:

- Do I enjoy academic/theoretical learning, or practical hands-on learning?
- Do I want to go to university, or work sooner?
- What subjects interest me the most?
- Would I prefer working with people, technology, business, or something else?

You can also:

- Talk to a **UU-vejleder (youth education counselor)** — every municipality offers this.
- Visit **open house events** at schools you're considering.
- Try a **brobygning (bridging course)** to experience different schools before deciding.

Sample Pathways

Here are some examples depending on interests:

Interest Area	Recommended Path
University in the future	STX, HHX, HTX, or HF
Business & economics	HHX or EUX Business
Technology & science	HTX or EUX Tech
Languages & culture	STX with language focus
Healthcare or social	Vocational (e.g. SOSU) or HF
Trades (e.g. carpenter)	Vocational (EUD) or EUX

If you want, I can also help you compare specific schools or programs near where you live. Just let me know your city/region or interests in more detail!