

ChatGPT



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Dominica. 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 — congratulations on finishing primary school! Since you're 16 and living in Denmark, you're at a natural transition point in the Danish education system. Let's break down your options and help you think about what might suit you best.


Common Educational Paths After Primary School in Denmark:

After **Folkeskole (Primary and Lower Secondary School)**, you usually have the following main options:

1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These programs last **3 years** and prepare you for higher education (university, university college, etc.). They're mostly academic/theoretical.

- **STX (Studentereksamen)** – General academic focus (languages, humanities, social science, natural science).
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination)** – Focus on business, economics, marketing, and languages.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination)** – Focus on technology, natural sciences, and innovation.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)** – A 2-year program, more flexible, good if you prefer smaller class sizes or need a bit more structure.


 Choose this route if:

You enjoy academic subjects and think you might want to go to university or professional higher education later on.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – EUD)

These programs prepare you for specific trades or careers (electrician, carpenter, healthcare worker, IT specialist, etc.). They combine school with internships (praktik).

You start with **Grundforløb (basic course)**, then move into the **main course with apprenticeship**.

 Choose this route if:

You like practical work, want to learn a trade, or would prefer to start earning sooner. Some vocational programs can also lead to higher education later via **EUX** (see next point).

3. EUX – Combined Vocational and Academic Program

This is a **hybrid** path: you get a vocational qualification **plus** academic courses so you can go to university later if you want.

 *Choose this if:*

You want hands-on job skills **and** keep your university options open. It's challenging but rewarding.

4. Other Paths

- **Efterskole** – A boarding school for 9th/10th grade students focused on personal development, social life, and specific interests (sports, music, creative arts, etc.). Could be good if you're unsure and want a "gap" year with learning.
 - **International Baccalaureate (IB)** – Taught in English, internationally recognized. Great if you want to keep global options open.
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Questions to Help You Decide:

1. **Do you enjoy academic subjects (like math, languages, science)?**
 2. **Do you like learning by doing (hands-on work)?**
 3. **Do you already have a career or study interest (e.g., doctor, engineer, businessperson, graphic designer)?**
 4. **Would you like to go to university someday?**
 5. **Are you ready to commit to studying, or would you prefer to work and learn at the same time?**
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Example Scenarios:

- **You're into science or tech, and maybe want to go to university later** → Choose **HTX**.
 - **You love business and might want to start your own company one day** → Choose **HHX**.
 - **You like working with your hands and want to become a skilled professional** → Choose **EUD** or **EUX**.
 - **You're unsure and want to keep options open** → **STX** or **HF** are broad and flexible.
 - **You're looking for a fresh experience or aren't sure what to do yet** → Consider an **Efterskole** or **10th grade** to give yourself more time.
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Would you like to tell me a bit about your interests or what kind of future you imagine for yourself? I can give a more personalized recommendation based on that.