

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Palau. 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 your background! It's great that you're already thinking ahead about your future. In Denmark, after finishing primary school (folkeskole), you have several educational paths to choose from. The right one depends on your interests, goals, and how you like to learn. Here's a breakdown of your main options:

1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

These are for you if you're interested in going to university later on.

STX (Almen Studentereksamen)

- Focus: Broad academic subjects (humanities, natural sciences, social sciences)
- Good for: Students who enjoy theory and want a university pathway
- Duration: 3 years

HTX (Teknisk Studentereksamen)

- Focus: Science, technology, engineering
- Good for: Students interested in technical subjects or engineering
- Duration: 3 years

HHX (Handelsstudentereksamen)

- Focus: Business, economics, marketing
- Good for: Future entrepreneurs or students interested in business
- Duration: 3 years

HF (Højere Forberedelseseksamen)

- Focus: General education but slightly more practical and shorter
- Good for: Students who want a faster route to further education (e.g., university colleges)
- Duration: 2 years

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - EUD)

If you like hands-on learning and want to work soon after finishing school.

- Focus: Practical skills – can lead to jobs in trades, healthcare, IT, hospitality, etc.
- Dual system: Combines school with apprenticeships in companies
- Duration: 2-5 years (depending on the field and specialization)
- You can also take **EUX**, which combines vocational training with a studentereksamen – gives both practical skills and the option to go to university.

3. Other Options

- **Efterskole** or **højskole**: If you want a year to explore personal growth, improve academic skills, or focus on specific interests (e.g., music, sports, international culture).
- **10th grade**: Optional, but useful if you're unsure about your academic level or need time to decide.

Recommendations Based on You:

Since you're fluent in Danish and just finished primary school in Denmark, you have access to all these options. Think about:

- **Do you enjoy academic subjects (math, science, languages)?** → STX, HTX, or HHX might be a good fit.
- **Do you want to start working earlier and learn by doing?** → EUD or EUX could suit you.
- **Do you want to explore your identity, culture, or interests more deeply for a year?** → An efterskole with international or cultural focus could be a great in-between step.

Final Thoughts:

You're in a great position with strong language skills and a multicultural background, which could open doors in international business, tourism, education, or global development fields. Try to talk to a guidance counselor (uddannelsesvejleder) at your school or local UU-vejledning. They can help match your interests with programs near you.

If you tell me more about what you're interested in (e.g., science, art, helping people, computers), I can give even more specific advice!