

# Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from South Sudan. 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 a bit about yourself—that helps a lot. At 16, finishing *folkeskole* (primary/lower secondary school) in Denmark, you're at an important turning point. Since you're fluent in Danish and have a bicultural background, you have unique strengths to build on. Here's a breakdown of your options and some recommendations based on common goals and paths for students like you:

## Main Educational Paths After Folkeskole in Denmark

### 1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

These are academic programs that prepare you for university:

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen)** – Broad and academic, with focus on humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences.
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen)** – Business-oriented: great if you're into economics, trade, marketing.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen)** – Tech-focused: ideal for science, IT, engineering interests.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseksamen)** – A bit shorter (2 years), often for more mature students or those who prefer a more direct path to professions or higher education.

### 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education & Training - VET)

If you're more hands-on or want to start a career sooner:

- Combines school and apprenticeship.
- Leads to jobs like electrician, carpenter, health care worker, IT support, etc.
- You can still go to higher education later if you choose the right electives (*eux* path).

## Recommendations Based on Your Background and Goals

Since I don't know your specific interests yet, here are three **common scenarios**—you can tell me which one sounds more like you:

### A) "I want to go to university one day."

- ➤ **Go for STX, HHX, or HTX**, depending on your interests.
  - If you like general subjects: **STX**.

- If you're interested in business: **HHX**.
- If you're into science/tech: **HTX**.
- You'll keep all your options open for university studies in Denmark or abroad.

### B) "I want to get a job sooner and do something practical."

- ➤ Consider a **vocational education** (Erhvervsuddannelse), maybe with **EUX** if you want to keep university as an option later.
  - Healthcare, mechanics, IT, electrician, childcare, business assistant—all good paths.
  - These programs are respected and offer good job opportunities.
  - Some combine school + paid apprenticeship.

### C) "I'm not sure what I want yet."

- ➤ You might benefit from a **10th grade year (efterskole or 10. klasse)** or a **basic vocational course (EGU or FGU)**.
  - Gives you time to explore without pressure.
  - You can try out different professions or continue general studies while figuring things out.

### Bonus for You: Bilingual and Bicultural Advantage

- Being fluent in Danish and having roots in South Sudan means you have a **cross-cultural perspective**—this can be valuable in:
  - International business or NGOs.
  - Healthcare and social work with diverse communities.
  - Education and communication fields.

### Final Advice

- Talk to a **UU-vejleder (educational guidance counselor)**—they'll help you make a personalized plan.
- Think about your **interests** (what subjects do you enjoy?), **values** (do you want to help people, build things, run a business?), and **strengths** (social, technical, creative, etc.).
- Don't stress—**you can change paths later**. Denmark's system is flexible.

Would you like me to help you figure this out more specifically—like based on your interests, favorite subjects, or career dreams?