

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Switzerland
 . 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 a great point in life to reflect and plan ahead — and it's excellent that you're thinking proactively about your options. Since you've just finished **primary school in Denmark**, you're likely at the point of choosing between different **youth education pathways** (ungdomsuddannelser). Here's a breakdown of the main options available to you in Denmark and how you might choose based on your interests, strengths, and future goals:

1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are academic paths that prepare you for university:

a. STX (Almen Studentereksamen)

- Broad academic program with humanities, sciences, and social studies.
- Good if you enjoy a range of subjects and want to keep your options open for university.

b. HHX (Højere Handelseksamen)

- Focus on business, economics, and languages.
- Good if you're interested in commerce, marketing, or international trade.

c. HTX (Højere Teknisk Eksamen)

- Focus on technology, science, and innovation.
- Great if you're into STEM (science, tech, engineering, math).

d. HF (Højere Forberedelseseksamen)

- Shorter (2-year) general education, more practical and direct path to certain university programs.
- A bit more relaxed, sometimes chosen by those who didn't enjoy primary school as much or want a more mature study environment.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - EUD)

- Learn a trade while combining school and apprenticeship.

- Examples: electrician, carpenter, chef, hairdresser, social and healthcare assistant.
- You can work quickly after finishing, or continue to higher education via **EUX** or **Erhvervsakademi**.

a. **EUX (Combination of vocational and academic)**

- Combines EUD with general subjects so you can still apply for university afterward.
- Great choice if you want both hands-on training **and** keep your academic doors open.

3. International or Bilingual Programs

Given your **Swiss background** and possible international ambitions:

- Consider an **International Baccalaureate (IB)** program if available near you.
- Strong English focus, recognized worldwide, especially useful if you're considering studying or working abroad in the future.

Questions to Ask Yourself:

- **Do I enjoy academic subjects or more hands-on learning?**
- **Do I want to work soon or keep studying?**
- **Am I interested in international opportunities (e.g. studying in Switzerland later)?**
- **Am I curious about a particular field already (e.g. science, economics, arts, healthcare)?**

Suggested Next Step

You might want to:

1. **Visit your local "UU-vejleder" (educational guidance counselor)** — they can help match your interests with the right path.
2. **Attend open house events** at local gymnasiums and vocational schools.
3. **Consider your long-term ambitions** — do you see yourself going to university? Or maybe working and traveling sooner?

Final Thought

If you're unsure and want to **keep doors open**, STX or IB are flexible options. If you're more practical-minded or have a specific interest (like IT, business, or crafts), HTX, HHX, or EUD/EUX might be better.

Let me know what your interests or favorite subjects are, and I can help narrow it down even more!