

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Seychelles. 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 that you're thinking seriously about your next steps — and being fluent in Danish and having a multicultural background is a real strength in today's world. Since you've just finished **primary school** in Denmark (which typically ends around age 15–16), you're at the stage where you choose between different **youth education programs** ("ungdomsuddannelser").

Here are the **main options** in Denmark after primary school (folkeskolen), and some guidance based on different interests and goals:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Academic Upper Secondary Education)

These are 3-year programs that prepare you for **university or higher education**.

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen)** – Broad and academic, includes languages, science, and humanities.
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen)** – Focus on business, marketing, and international economics.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen)** – Focus on technology, science, and innovation.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseseksamen)** – A 2-year program, often for students who want a slightly more flexible or shorter route to further education.

✓ Good if:

You're academically strong or enjoy schoolwork, and you want to keep your options open for **university, college**, or even **studying abroad** someday.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - EUD)

These combine **practical work experience** with school. You can become a carpenter, electrician, hairdresser, chef, social worker, etc.

- Starts with **grundforløb** (basic course) and then an apprenticeship with a company.
- Takes around **3–5 years**, depending on the field.

✓ Good if:

You enjoy **hands-on work**, want to earn money earlier, or have a clear idea of a **trade or profession** you're interested in.

Choosing between academic and vocational paths

Ask yourself:

- Do you enjoy reading, writing, and theoretical learning — or do you prefer practical tasks and learning by doing?
- Do you have an idea of what career or field you're interested in?
- Do you see yourself going to university, or starting work earlier?

Tip: Use your multicultural background

If you speak other languages (e.g., Seychellois Creole, French, English), or have ties to other cultures, you might find strength in:

- **International careers**
- **Language or global studies**
- **Tourism, business, or diplomacy**
- Or becoming a cultural bridge in healthcare, education, or social work

Suggested Next Steps

1. **Talk to your school's vejleder (educational counselor)** – They can help you look at your grades, interests, and career ideas.
2. **Visit open house events** at gymnasiums and vocational schools.
3. **Try “brobygning” or “praktik”** – Short internships or trial courses to experience what a program is like.

If you tell me more about:

- What subjects you like
- If you prefer theory or practice
- What your dreams or career ideas are (even if vague)

...I can give you a more **personalized recommendation**.

Would you like to do that?