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### *Why the Mediterranean Diet Is So Highly Rated*

#### **Research links the Mediterranean Diet to:**

Healthy Weight Management	Reduced risk of heart disease
Better blood sugar control	Improved mood and longevity
Lower risk of chronic disease	Improved blood pressure & cholesterol

### *Mediterranean Diet vs. Seattle Sutton's Healthy Eating*

#### **Eat More Fruits & Vegetables**

SSHE: Fresh fruits and vegetables are included every day—often as whole fruit or fresh salads, not just blended or processed.

#### **Choose Whole Grains**

SSHE: Prioritizes whole grains, including brown rice, barley, farro, oats, and whole-wheat couscous.

#### **Use Healthy Fats**

SSHE: Meals include heart-healthy fats while eliminating fried foods and high-fat meats to keep saturated fat low.

#### **Eat Seafood Regularly**

SSHE: Includes two servings of fish every week, such as salmon, cod, tilapia, and tuna—rich in omega-3s for heart and brain health.

#### **Limit Red Meat**

SSHE: Protein comes mainly from fish, poultry, beans, dairy, eggs, and plant-based options. Very limited red meat and options for no red meat.

#### **Enjoy Dairy in Moderation**

SSHE: Features yogurt, cheese, and 2–3 servings of fat-free or low-fat milk daily.

#### **Flavor with Herbs & Spices**

SSHE: Meals are low in sodium and seasoned with herbs and spices, following American Heart Association guidelines.

#### **Include Vegetarian Meals**

SSHE: Every plan includes vegetarian meals built around beans, whole grains, and vegetables.

#### **Choose Fruit for Dessert**

SSHE: Fruits are included regularly, with desserts offered about once per week—portion controlled and made with better-for-you ingredients.

### *A Lifestyle, Not Just a Diet*

The Mediterranean Diet also emphasizes movement, mindfulness, and enjoying meals with others. Seattle Sutton's Healthy Eating supports this same philosophy—providing food for healthy living, not just diet food.

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