## To Turn On or Off Windows Defender using Group Policy

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Local Group Policy Editor is only available in the Windows 10 Pro, Enterprise, and Education editions.

- **1.** Open the Local Group Policy Editor.
- 2. In the left pane of Local Group Policy Editor, navigate to the location below. (see screenshot below)



Computer Configuration/Administrative Templates/Windows Components/Windows





**3.** In the right pane of **Windows Defender** in Local Group Policy Editor, double click/tap on the **Turn off Windows Defender** policy to edit it. (see screenshot above)

**4.** Do **step 5** (on) or **step 6** (off) below for what you would like to do.

## 5. To Turn On Windows Defender

A) Select (dot) Not Configured or Disabled, click/tap on OK, and go to step 7 below. (see screenshot below)

NOTE: Not Configured is the default setting.

6. To Turn Off Windows Defender

A) Select (dot) **Enabled**, click/tap on **OK**, and go to **step 7** below. (see screenshot below)

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Turn off Windows Defender Previous Setti	ng Next Setting
<ul> <li>Not Configured</li> <li>Enabled</li> <li>Disabled</li> <li>Supported on: At least Windows Vista</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>▲</li> <li>▲</li></ul>
Options: Help:	
This policy setting turns off Windows Defender.         If you enable this policy setting, Windows Defender does not run, and computers are not scanned for malware or other potentially unwanted software.         If you disable or do not configure this policy setting, by default Windows Defender runs and computers are scanned for malware and other potentially unwanted software.	
OK Cancel Apply	

 ${\bf 7}_{{\scriptstyle \bullet}}$  When finished, you can close the Local Group Policy Editor if you like.