Microsoft Security Essentials (MSE) is the computer protection suite that the University uses to protect computers from viruses and other threats. Microsoft makes MSE available at no additional charge for University computers as well as personal computers. If you would like to install MSE on your personal computer, follow the steps below.

**Warning:**

The University Software License only provides for software installation on computers owned by students, faculty, or staff of the University.

Giving University-provided software to those outside the Cedarville University family is against the law.

*** All previous versions of Anti-Virus software must be removed from your computer before installing MSE.

Start – Control Panel – Programs and Features – Select the program – Uninstall

**Identify Your Version of Windows**

When installing programs or receiving technical support, you may need to know which version of Windows is running on your computer.

1. Click on the **Start** button in the bottom-left corner.
2. **Right-click** “**Computer**” from the Start menu.
3. Select “**Properties.**”
4. The information will be located on the screen that appears (see highlighted areas at right).

**Install Microsoft Security Essentials**

To install MSE on your personal computer:

5. In a web browser, navigate to [windows.microsoft.com/mse](http://windows.microsoft.com/mse).
6. Click [Download now].
7. Once the download has finished, click “**mseinstall.exe**” (in the bottom-left corner of the screen) to open the installation wizard.
8. If required, enter an administrator password and click [**Yes**].
9. Follow the installation instructions by clicking [Next >].
10. Read the Software License Terms and agree to them by clicking [I accept].
11. Joining the Customer Experience Improvement Program is your personal choice that helps Microsoft collect performance statistics to help make the product better. Click to join or not join the program and then click [Next >].
12. Be sure to check the box for “**If no firewall is turned on, turn on Windows Firewall (Recommended).**” Checking “**Turn on automatic sample submission**” is your personal choice.
13. Click [Next >] > then [Install].
14. Once the program has installed, click [Finish].
15. Microsoft Security Essentials will install the latest virus and spyware definitions, followed by a scan of your computer. Let this finish, then close the program.
16. Once the scan is complete, restart your computer. Microsoft Security Essentials will then be active on your computer.