

View Only GIFT Setup and Procedures:

*** You will (probably) need your technology department's help with this setup ***

Setup 1.... (At Central location)

Copy GIFT to shareable location (if not already)

Extract ViewGIFT to the same location. It is OK to overwrite files – NO data loss occurs.

In GIFT, under Maintenance, Run 8. Create View GIFT Data

The name of the output file is called VGIFT – do not change the name of the output file. (The output is actually 2 files, VGIFT.DBF & VGIFT.CDX)

Save the Output file to the same location as View GIFT is located.

The Main Person for data input into GIFT should run the GIFT executable.

(This person should run the Create View GIFT Data after any significant updating within GIFT.)

Other users should run the VGIFT executable.

School users can be mapped to the main location and then run the VGIFT.Exe executable.

AND – OR

Setup 2.... (At schools)

Copy the following files from the current GIFT subdirectory

School.dbf School.cdx District.dbf

These files only need to be copied once to the school site. The only exception would be the school files. If a school is added, removed, or renamed within GIFT, the school files will need to be copied again.

Extract ViewGIFT.Exe to the same location. It is OK to overwrite files - NO data loss occurs.

The file to run at the school site is called VGIFT.Exe.

The main copy of GIFT at the Central Location then runs the Create View Data file.

The VGIFT files (VGIFT.DBF & VGIFT.CDX) should now be copied to the appropriate "ViewGIFT" directory at each school.

I would recommend creating a batch file to move the files at night.

I have set up a "transfer" machine which will run a batch file which attaches to a school server, copies the files to the school (overwriting the existing files), disconnecting, then connecting to the next school and continuing to all school are covered. I have the scheduler set to run at 1:05AM, M-F.

For the schools, the Setup 2 is the fastest but the mapping to the DO and running VGIFT was found to be acceptable.

Our GIFT has been on our server. Now, all users (except me and one other) point to the VGIFT file. Then my "transfer" machine moves the files to a couple of schools.

The "transfer" machine moves the VGIFT files nightly whether they have been updated or not.

***** Remember: You must not change the name of the output file from VGIFT. *****

