

# Science 9 Course Outline

## Morinville Community High School

Instructor: Mr. Boutestein  
Prerequisite: N/A  
Semester: Full Year (2025-26)

Room: 111  
Grade Level: 9  
Block: 3

### Course Breakdown

#### **Unit A: Biological Diversity**

33 Classes (September 3 to October 24)

#### **Unit B: Matter & Chemical Change**

30 Classes (October 27 to December 17)

#### **Unit C: Environmental Chemistry (Part 1)**

4 Classes (December 18 to January 7)

#### **Review for the Midterm Exam**

7 Classes (January 8 to January 16)

#### **Unit C: Environmental Chemistry (Part 2)**

17 Classes (January 29 to February 27)

#### **Unit D: Electrical Principles & Technologies**

28 Classes (March 2 to April 22)

#### **Unit E: Space Exploration**

26 Classes (April 23 to June 2)

#### **Review for Provincial Achievement Test/Take Home Final Exam**

8 Classes (June 3 to June 12)

### Course Weighting

#### **Formative Assessments (0%)**

Not all work assigned will be taken in for marks

#### **Summative Assessments (100%)**

Quizzes, Labs & Some Assignments	25.0%
Unit Tests*	50.0%
Midterm Exam	10.0%
Provincial Achievement Test	15.0%

## Course Expectations

- **Work Ethic:** It's the student's responsibility to keep an organized and up-to-date notebook/binder containing all handouts and notes that are given throughout the course. Not all homework will be marked but you are still expected to do it.
- **Attendance & Punctuality:** Good attendance and punctuality are essential to success. It is the student's responsibility to catch up with missed class work and assignments due to absence (excused or unexcused).
- **Assignments & Labs:** Late assignments & labs will be recorded as a zero until they are completed and marked. Students may be asked to complete alternate assignments once the original assignment has been handed back.
- **Quizzes & Tests:** If you are away for a quiz/test, you must see Mr. Boutestein to schedule an alternate version of the test within two days of your return. Late quizzes/tests will be recorded as a zero until written.
- **Food & Drinks:** Although fine to bring to class, no food or drink are allowed in the science labs.
- **Electronic Devices:** Following the order from the Minister of Education, we will no longer permit the use of personal mobile devices in classrooms or access to social media sites on school networks. Cell phones/smart watches/headphones must be turned off or set to silent mode and placed in the designated pouch in each class. In case of an emergency, students must go to the school office to use the phone. First offence will result in the device being confiscated for 5 days (during school hours). Second offence will result in the device being confiscated for 10 days (during school hours). Further offences will result in parent meetings, further confiscation and, potentially, an in-school suspension. **THIS IS YOUR VERBAL WARNING!**
- **Language:** Swearing and/or derogatory language is not allowed. Violation will result in feats of strength or a song & dance routine.

## Materials

- Binder with lined paper (Keytab notebook - optional)
- Pencils, pens (blue and red) and a good eraser
- Scientific calculator (one with a b/c fraction button and bracket buttons)
- *Science in Action 9* textbook

## Will Students Have Access to Extra Help Opportunities? ABSOLUTELY!!!

- Students can get extra help from Mr. Boutestein before school or at lunch in room 111.
- You can contact Mr. Boutestein via e-mail at [gboutestein@gsacrd.ab.ca](mailto:gboutestein@gsacrd.ab.ca) or [mctv@me.com](mailto:mctv@me.com).
- You can access Mr. Boutestein's course materials online at [boutestein.wixsite.com/mchs](http://boutestein.wixsite.com/mchs) and video lessons on the YouTube channel (Science According to Mr. B.) at [www.youtube.com/channel/UCDKY23s1Lshchy6ic6qWPuA](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDKY23s1Lshchy6ic6qWPuA) (for units D & E only).
- Students and parents can sign up for push notifications of upcoming assignments/labs/quizzes/exams by opening the web browser on your smartphone and going to the link [rmd.at/sci9amchs](http://rmd.at/sci9amchs) (block 3 first half class) or [rmd.at/sci9bmchs](http://rmd.at/sci9bmchs) (block 3 second half class). Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind and you'll be prompted to download the mobile app.