

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, see Mr. B. to schedule one on a "Makeup Monday" either at lunch or after school in room 111. They are 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 or mctv@me.com.
- You can access Mr. Boutestein's course materials online at boutestein.wixsite.com/mchs and video lessons on the YouTube channel (Science According to Mr. B.) at 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/sci9-3mchs (block 3 first half Science 9.3) or rmd.at/sci9-1mchs (block 3 second half Science 9.1). Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind and you'll be prompted to download the mobile app.