



# Austin Alexander

## Cooper High School

Cooper High School senior Austin Alexander is an elite two-way football player, ranked as the No. 1 edge rusher in Kentucky. He helped Cooper this year secure the first undefeated regular season in school history.

Austin is coming off an incredible junior year when as a defensive end and linebacker he was second in the state in quarterback sacks with 19, had 27 tackles for a loss, two forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries, a blocked punt for a TD and an interception which he returned for 75 yards. He finished the season with a total of 81 tackles (57 solo, 24 assisted) for a 12-3 Cooper team that was Class 5A state runners-up. On offense as a tight end and receiver, he had 59 catches for 1,045 yards and 18 touchdowns.

One of his top games last season was against Highlands when he had 13 receptions and scored three TDs, plus had nine tackles on defense. He already holds school records for sacks in a season and career sacks.

Austin has earned many honors, including last season when he was named first team all-NKY Class 5A by the Enquirer, and first-team all-state. He was named Tri-State Defensive Player of the Year, a NKAC all-star for the third straight year and is also a three-time academic all-state selection. He also has played three years of varsity basketball for the Jags.

Austin has athletic bloodlines. He is the nephew of Boone County legend and 2005 NFL MVP Shaun Alexander (who is a member of the LaRosa's High School Sports Hall of Fame) and cousin of Detroit Lions' linebacker Derrick Barnes.

A great student who is very active in community service, Austin in his spare time enjoys playing the piano and singing, preaching in the middle school ministry at church, attending a Bible study group on Sunday nights and investing in stock and shoes. He will continue playing football next season at the University of North Carolina.

**NAME:** Austin Alexander  
**GRADUATING YEAR:** 2025  
**SCHOOL:** Cooper High School  
**SPORT:** Football-Basketball  
**HEIGHT:** 6'3"-243 lbs.  
**PARENTS:** Durran & Heather  
**INFLUENCE:** Dad  
**GOAL:** Win the state championship

"Austin is the complete package. He is a great football player, leader, role model and just an outstanding young man."

- Randy Borchers, Varsity Football Coach

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