

Kocurek originally entered the NFL in 2009 as Detroit's assistant defensive line coach. He helped DT Sammie Hill start as a rookie after being a fourth-round selection from Division II Stillman College. Hill finished the season with 26 tackles and two fumble recoveries in 13 games.

Prior to Detroit, Kocurek served as the defensive line coach at Stephen F. Austin State University (2008), assistant head coach/defensive line coach at West Texas A&M University (2007) and defensive line coach at Texas A&M University-Commerce (2006). At West Texas A&M in 2007, the Buffaloes won the Lone Star Conference and led the league in scoring defense (19.5 points per game). At Texas A&M University-Commerce in 2006, Kocurek helped the team's defense lead the LSC in scoring and total yards allowed. He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Texas A&M University-Kingsville (2004-05) and a graduate assistant at Texas Tech (2003).

A native of Rockdale, TX, Kocurek was originally drafted in the seventh-round (237th overall) of the 2001 NFL Draft by the Seattle Seahawks as a defensive lineman. Following his release from the Seahawks prior to the 2001 season, he was signed to the Tennessee Titans practice squad and was later promoted to the team's active roster and appeared in one game with Tennessee in 2001 before spending the 2002 season on the Injured Reserve List. Kocurek played collegiately at Texas Tech, where he was a three-time All-Big 12 selection (1998-2000). He was selected team captain and named the team's defensive player of the year as a senior in 2000. He earned his bachelor's degree from Texas Tech and his master's from Texas A&M University-Kingsville. Kocurek and his wife, Amy, have one daughter, Presley.

KOCUREK'S BACKGROUND

YEARS	COACHING BACKGROUND	HEAD COACH
2019-current	Defensive Line, San Francisco 49ers	Kyle Shanahan
2018	Defensive Line, Miami Dolphins	Adam Gase
2010-17	Defensive Line, Detroit Lions	Jim Caldwell/Jim Schwartz
2009	Assistant Defensive Line, Detroit Lions	Jim Schwartz
2008	Defensive Line, Stephen F. Austin State University	J.C. Harper
2007	Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Line, West Texas A&M University	Don Carthel
2006	Defensive Line, Texas A&M University-Commerce	Scotty Conley
2004-05	Graduate Assistant, Texas A&M University-Kingsville	Richard Cundiff
2003	Graduate Assistant, Texas Tech Univeristy	Mike Leach
2001-02	*Defensive Lineman, Tennessee Titans	Jeff Fisher
1997-2000	*Defensive Lineman, Texas Tech Univeristy	Mike Leach/Spike Dykes

*Player